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MR. A. W. RAYMOND has been warned off the premises by the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, thus forfeiting his membership, and Mr. B. L. Tao has been suspended from riding for the remainder of the year.

This judgment was passed by the Stewards following consideration of the full report on incidents at the Macao Jockey Club's Meeting of October 1.

This is the first time in many years that a jockey has been warned off in Hong Kong.

It will be recalled that "The China Mail" published, exclusively, on October 7, the story of the suspension of these two jockeys, Mr. Raymond for, it was believed, six months, and Mr. Tao for one month.

It is now learned that these suspensions were of a temporary nature pending a full investigation into the matter.

Mr. Raymond came to Hong Kong from Shanghai in December 1937, since when he has had the following record at the Valley:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
1937	0	0	0	1
1938	11	10	7	66
1939	18	4	7	27

Totals 24 14 14 94

In addition he rode 18 winners at Macao and 2 at Fanling. Recently he has ridden for the Marber Stable.

GOOD RECORD

Mr. Tao, also from Shanghai, commenced riding here in 1937, since when his record at the Valley has been:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
1937	7	3	3	23
1938	8	18	14	51
1939	8	10	8	36

Totals 23 26 26 112

In addition to the above he had four wins at Macao. He rode frequently for Mr. Wong Sul-nan, Mr. Lai-Po-chun and Messrs. Chau Bros.

HUNGARIAN NAZIS
ROUNDED-UP

Budapest, To-day.

It was announced last night that 110 members of the Hungarian Nazi party had been arrested.—Reuter.

PLANES
ATTACK
WARSHIPS

A battle in the North Sea between aircraft and warships occurred yesterday, with unknown results, according to a Reuter message from Amsterdam.

The source of the report was the Dutch island of Schiermonnikoog, one of the West Frisian group, in the extreme north of the Netherlands, from where a long view out into the Helligoland Bight section of the North Sea can be obtained.

The Amsterdam report indicates that the Dutch observers were unable to identify the nationality of the aeroplanes or the warships, although they were able to count six

SHELLS IN PLENTY THIS TIME.—Dozens of factories have been converted to make munitions. The result to-day with the co-operation of industry—is that half as many workmen are able to turn out shells six times faster than in the peak period of 1918. Photo shows men weighing shell cases destined for 3.7 anti-aircraft guns. (Air Mail Copyright).

HURRY CALL
BY SOVIET

London, To-day.

According to a Rome Radio message, the Soviet Government is urgently requesting M. Passiviki, the head of the Finnish Mission, to return to Moscow.

M. Passiviki is not expected to return until to-morrow, when the decisions of the Stockholm Conference are known.—Reuter.

warships and twelve planes.

The planes were attacking the warships.

In the region where the action occurred, the action might just as easily have been between British aircraft and German surface craft as the reverse.

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OFFENSIVE POWER OF BRITAIN'S TANK UNITS

London, To-day.

IN HIS BROADCAST last night, the B.B.C. Observer with the British Expeditionary Force in France described his visit to one of the light tank corps in France. During the broadcast, a recording of a "drive past" was given.

These light tanks were the first that he had seen in France with the B.E.F., he said. They are already in their chosen position.

It might be more correct to call them mechanized cavalry, for the officers and men were all of a famous British cavalry regiment. They have lost no time in getting to know their new steeds and, in some degree, in getting to like them.

This is best shown by the fact that each tank is named. Among those that caught his eye were Bulldog, Bison, Horatio, Coronation, Cross Keys and Conqueror. In some respects, too, they rather resemble the knights of old who went into battle clad in armour.

But the likeness disappears when one gets closer and examines the armour and armament they carry. Although built for the type of scouting work carried out by the cavalry in the Great War, they are equipped to deal with attacks both from the air and from enemy tanks.

HIGH SPEED

Their offensive power is increased by virtue of the fact that they can also be used in conjunction with light gun carriers. They can be made to perform all kinds of manoeuvres in any kind of country.

He was, of course, unable to reveal their speed, but said that it was as high as any form of ordinary private or commercial road vehicle.

Major-General the Duke of Gloucester attended the demonstration in a staff car and seemed to be as impressed as the small group of observers fortunate enough to be present.

The modern cavalryman wears overalls instead of spurs, but his spirit and skill remains, the B.B.C. Observer concluded.—Reuter.

SCHOOL HELP FOR WAR FUND

At a meeting of the pupils of the Central British School, specially convened by the Prefects, it was unanimously decided to request the Principal to allow any money which might be spent in prizes this year to be used instead as a contribution to the British War Organization Fund.

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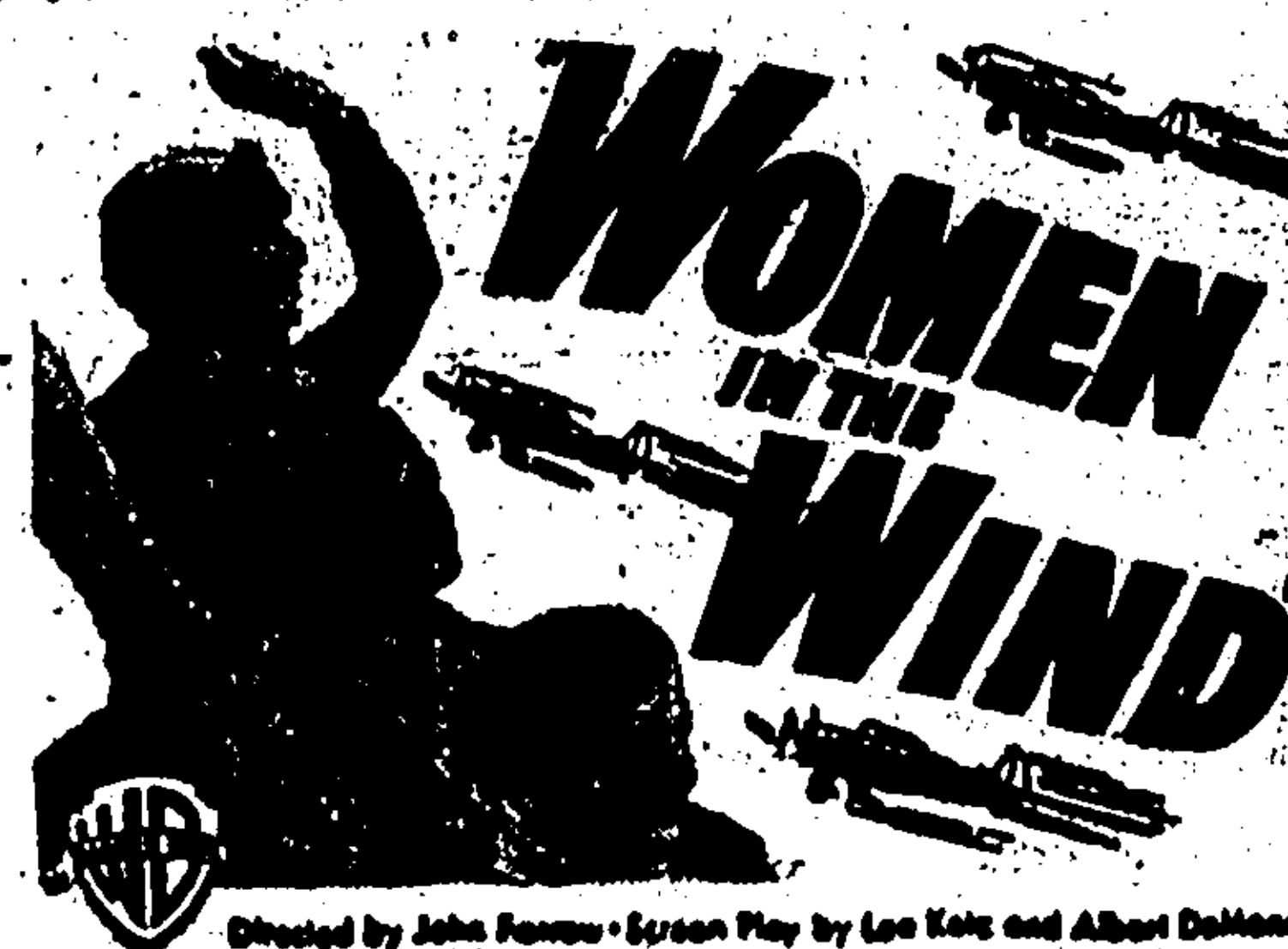
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MEXICAN GUARD ON NAZI LINER

Mexico City, To-day.
The Mexican Government has refused to remove its guards from the German steamer Columbus, on the grounds that their presence is necessary for the preservation of Mexico's neutrality. The agents thereupon refused to pay for the guards. The Mexican Government is meeting the cost.—Reuter.

RETURN FOR CHARITY BY MISSION

Kan Loi, 24, was charged before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, with robbery from the Maryknoll Mission, Stanley yesterday.

Defendant went to the Mission on Tuesday and asked for help, and a job. He was given a dollar and a good meal, but no job could be offered.

Early yesterday morning, Father Kramer was awakened by a noise in his bedroom, and found the defendant hiding behind a chair in the room.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

MIDDLE GAP ROAD ALARMS

Mr. R. H. Woodman, of No. 566, Middle Gap Road, who was awakened by a noise early this morning, saw a Chinese escaping through an open window. Nothing was missing from the premises.

Mrs. A. Pollard, of No. 556, Middle Gap Road, has reported a similar occurrence at her residence early this morning.

SMUGGLING IN THE FATSHAN

An application for confiscation of cargo worth \$4,000 was made by Mr. A. W. Grimmitt, Chief Preventive Officer, before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning.

The cargo comprised 355 tin blocks, 72 blocks of solder and zinc, 16 small packages of iron ware, one small bag of wolfram ore, one bale of joss paper and a bale of rice paper.

The articles were found on board the s.s. Fat Shan, hidden under the coal.

Mr. Grimmitt asked the Court to take a serious view of the case.

Mr. Houston said that any person who was caught smuggling would be severely dealt with.

The application was granted.

IDENTIFIED BY A NOSE

Describing how a man, about 25, whose nose was peculiar, having a small "hill" on it, and a gang of four others, attacked and robbed him at 2 p.m. yesterday, a shoe maker, Fung Kan reported to the police immediately after the incident.

Four hours later the hillock-nosed man was seen by a Chinese detective and arrested.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Wan Cheuk-chiu, 26, and an alleged accomplice, Yan Fei, 18, were charged with larceny and sentenced to three months' hard labour each.

FIRE IN SOY FACTORY

It is reported that considerable damage was suffered by the Shun Chu Soy Factory, Castle Peak Road, shortly after noon to-day when a fire broke out in the factory.

Two engines from Mongkok Fire Station were sent and the firemen, after 30-minute fight, brought the fire under control.

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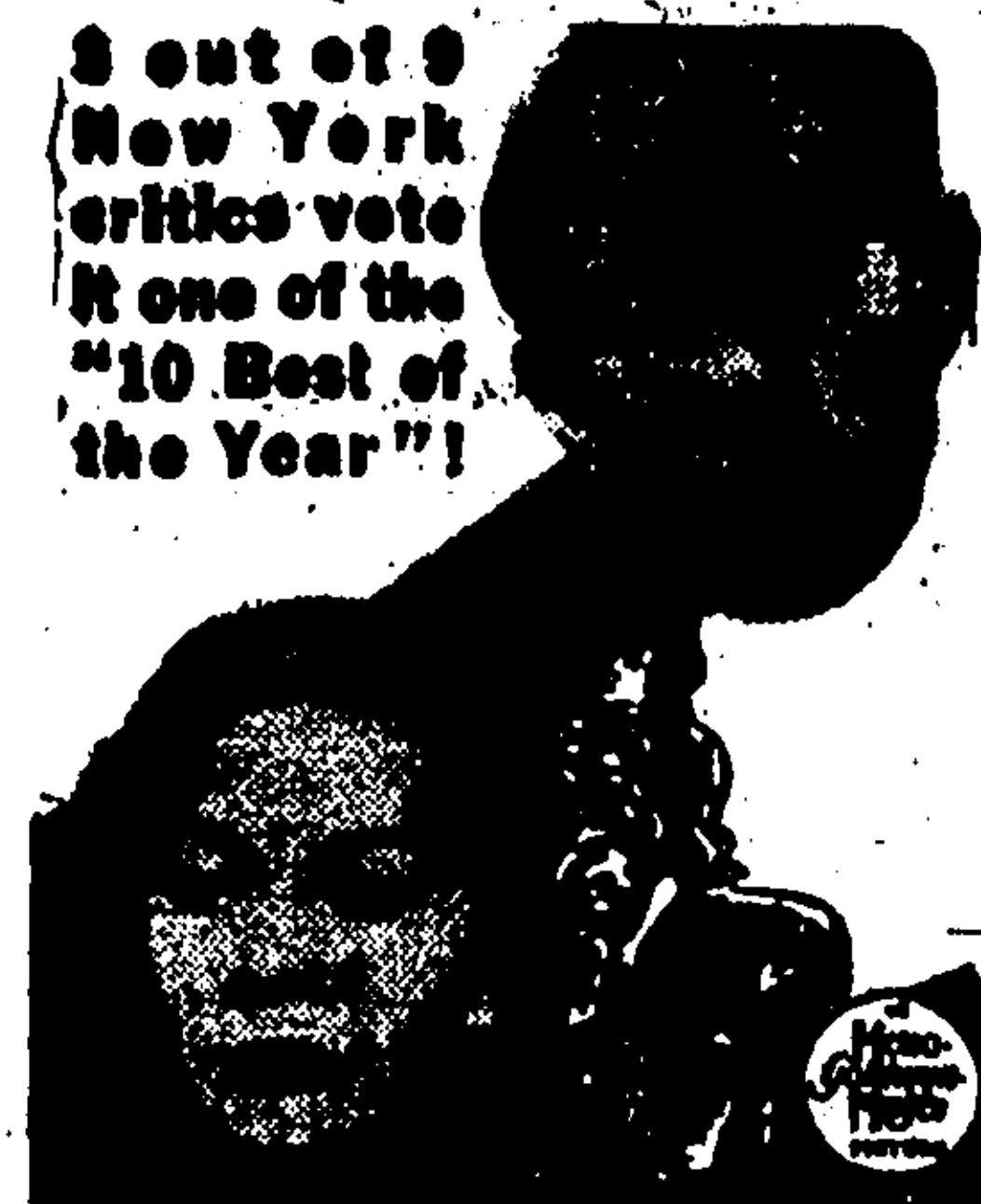
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ANOTHER ATTACK IN OFFING

Intense Activity Behind German Lines In Saar

AUSTRALIAN NAVY IN COMMISSION

Sydney, To-day.
All reserve ships of the Royal Australian Navy are now in commission and over 30 ships have been taken over. The personnel has been more than doubled, numbering 10,000 men.
All British ships leaving for distant ports from Australia are now being armed for defensive purposes.—Reuter.

RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN VISITORS IN KWANGSI

Macao, To-day.
Restrictions prohibiting foreigners from entering and touring Kwangsi have been renewed for another period of six months, according to an official announcement issued by the Kwangsi Provincial authorities.

The only towns which can be visited by foreigners are Wuchow, Lungchow and Nanning.—Our Own Correspondent.

SERVICES' SPORT

London, To-day.
A Football Association eleven beat the Army at Aldershot by 1-0 at soccer, while the Navy lost to the Army by 3-0 at Rugby.—Reuter.

NAZI LOSSES IN LAST OFFENSIVE OUT OF ALL PROPORTION TO THE GAINS

Paris, To-day.

THE WESTERN FRONT has been quieter since the abortive Nazi attack on Monday, but intensive activity behind the German lines suggests that another attack may be in the offing.

German losses on Monday are regarded by both French and neutral observers to be out of all proportion to the gain. The only effect of the attack was to bring about an automatic and pre-arranged withdrawal of the French outpost lines.

This morning's war communique reports activity on both sides between the lines and ambushes and trench raids.

The alleged menace on the Western Front of Nazi heavily armoured tanks, carrying six-inch guns is not taken seriously. It is pointed out that such tanks could carry little ammunition and must halt for aiming thus enabling the French guns already in the areas where the tanks are likely to operate easily to destroy them.

MASS AVIATION

The suggested use of mass aviation evokes the reply that the Maginot

Line is a different proposition from Poland.

The heaviest bombs would barely dent the cupolas and low-flying planes would be brought down by machine-gun barrage.—Reuter.

GREAT ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day.

The latest communique states: "On the front there has been no change on the whole."

"There has been great activity by reconnoitring units notably between the Moselle and the Saar.—Reuter

PRECISELY TO PLAN

Paris, To-day.

Eminent experts on the western front pay tribute to the past days' tactics inasmuch as the operations were carried out precisely according to plans of the French High Command.

At certain points French units in contact with the enemy resisted without yielding an inch.

At other places they have withdrawn in accordance with instructions, and everywhere the troops eventually executed orders and in no way were compelled by the enemy.—Reuter.

FLOOD HAVOC IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Some 600 square miles of the Midlands are now affected by floods, while the Grand Union Canal and the Ouse River have overflowed.

Roads, railway lines and farmlands are inundated, some of the highways being under 4 or 5 feet of water. At least three bridges have been swept away.—Reuter.

GERMAN AIR LOSSES IN RAIDS

London, To-day.

It has been definitely established that at least four, and probably more, enemy machines were brought down in the raids on North-East Scotland.

One was brought down in the Scapa Flow raid.

In the raid on the Orkneys by two groups of enemy machines of six and four planes respectively, one was destroyed. No damage was caused and there were no casualties of any sort on our side.

During an attempted reconnaissance of the East Coast, two enemy machines were pursued by R.A.F. fighters and brought down at sea. The crew of one plane was rescued.

It is believed, however, that the Nazi losses were certainly heavier than this, as several machines did not look as if they would be able to get back to their base.—Reuter.

FICTITIOUS GERMAN NAVAL CLAIMS NOT WITHOUT MOTIVE

London, To-day.

THERE IS REASON to believe that the repeated German allegations of successful action against units of the British Navy are designed;

- (1) to mislead neutrals and hearten their own people by exaggerating the successes of German arms;
- (2) to elicit information of the whereabouts of the vessels stated to have been attacked.

Curiosity in German naval circles is rife regarding the present disposition of battleships, battle cruisers and aircraft carriers.

The foregoing serves to explain the Admiralty attitude in the face of repeated enemy allegations.

They do not wish to be drawn into more than a bare denial, and it is important that neutral opinion should recognise these recurrent and baseless claims for what in fact they are, namely a technical game which we refuse to play.

The actual losses to date are one aircraft carrier, the Courageous, one battleship, the Royal Oak, which was lost with 810 officers and men because she capsized on a dark night, and certain damage to the Iron Duke, the only survivor of the 1914 battle fleet, which was partially dismantled and utilised as a depot ship.

In the raid on Rosyth there were 60 casualties, all naval and no material damage.

The Germans have lost 18 submarines, 12 sunk and five seriously damaged and possibly sunk.—Reuter.



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ECONOMIC SURVEY TO BE MADE

GENERAL SMUTS ON SOUTH AFRICA'S PART IN WAR

Pretoria, To-day.

MAKING HIS FIRST public speech since he became Prime Minister, General Smuts announced that a nationwide survey of the Union's industrial and mineral resources was to be made.

Firstly because South African industry might have to provide for internal needs should overseas supplies be curtailed;

Secondly, because other Allied countries might look to the Union to supply them with essential commodities.

On the military front, South Africa can make up for lost time and neglected duty, and organise the country's military forces and prepare for future emergencies.

General Smuts added that the dislocation of shipping trade due to submarine and aerial attack was not as great as had been anticipated.

Things in fact are working out very much better than we thought before the war broke out.

"Actually the only people who are in any serious danger are neutrals."

General Smuts added that they could see for themselves what their position would be as "isolationists and neutralists," without the protection of the British navy which had enabled South African produce and products to find a place on the markets of the world. —Reuter.

JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL

London, To-day.

Representatives of the British Employers Confederation and the Trades Union Congress General Council met yesterday at the Ministry of Labour to consider the establishment of machinery for joint discussion of the problems which confront the Government and industry in wartime.

It was agreed, subject on the part of the T.U.C. to confirmation by the General Council, to set up a national joint council to advise on all matters in which employers and workers have a common interest, it being understood that the council would be purely advisory and would not invade the jurisdiction of organisation in the respective industries. —British Wireless.

SHOT DEAD

Shanghai, To-day.

Zeng Hai-do, secretary interpreter in the French political department, was shot dead in the French Concession yesterday by a Chinese gunman. Zeng was shot in the back from short range. The assassin escaped. —Reuter.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

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NO FUTURE DISTINCTION

London, To-day.

The Colonial Office has announced that British subjects from the Colonies and protectorates, including those not of pure British descent, will be on the same footing as British subjects in the United Kingdom as regards eligibility for voluntary enlistment in the forces and for the grant of emergency commission. —Reuter.

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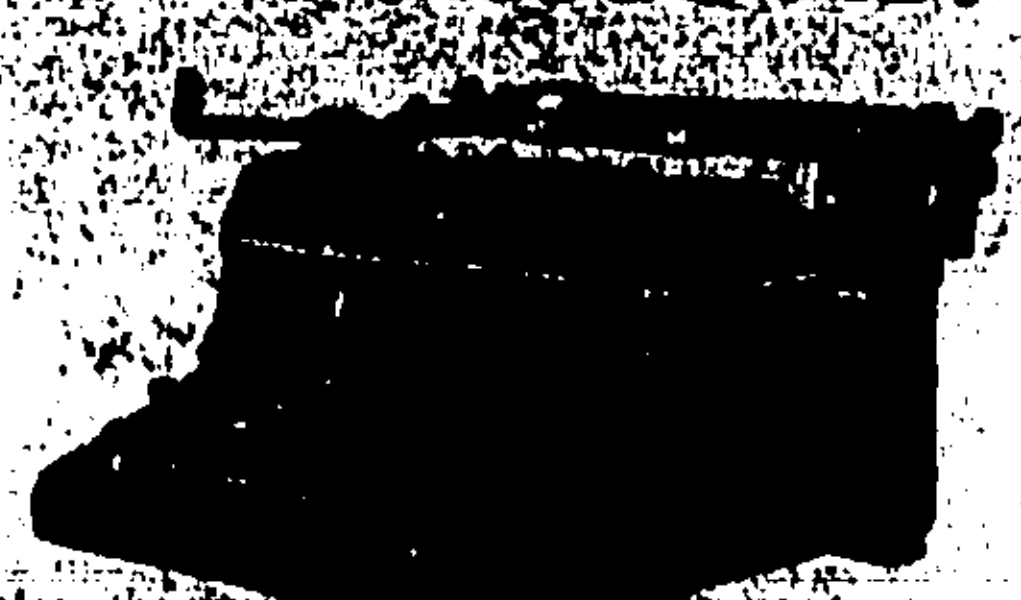
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SCANDINAVIAN KINGS IN CONFERENCE: PEACE DRIVE RUMOUR DISCOUNTED

Stockholm, To-day.

THE POSSIBILITY of peace, Russia's advance in the Baltic and the Soviet-Finnish talks are believed to be the main subjects on the agenda of the two-day conference of the Kings of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, and the President of Finland, with their Foreign Ministers.

The conference opened yesterday with a formal meeting at the Palace, which was followed by a separate conference of Foreign Ministers.

Rumours that the conference might result in a direct move to stop the war are discounted.

The Oslo newspaper "Arbeider Bladet" says: "Any peace move must be contingent on the response of the parties concerned, otherwise it will only destroy the hopes of bringing the war to an early end on a justifiable basis."

AWAKE AND READY

"It is necessary for the North to be awake and ready to do its duty at the psychological moment."

All the Northern capitals are beflagged in honour of the conference, and prayers for peace were offered in all churches in Scandinavia.

Last evening a banquet was given at the Palace.

It is expected that a communique will be issued to-day, when the four rulers will broadcast statements from the Palace. — Reuter.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has sent a message to the conference of Scandinavian powers stating that the American republics support the spirit of neutrality and order under law for which the Oslo countries, throughout their history, have consistently stood.

Twenty other American republics have sent similar messages. — Reuter.

BLACKOUT INCREASES ROAD TOLL

London, To-day.

As a result of the black-outs, road deaths in September totalled 1,130, double the figure for 1938.

Announcing this, the Minister of Transport expresses deep concern, but drew attention to the fact that a relaxation of the restrictions might mean an increase of casualties in air raids. — Reuter.

GERMAN LABOUR HAS TOUGH TIME

London, To-day.

Here are some facts about the position of workers under the Nazis based on statements in the German press.

Work hours have been enormously increased and dockers transferred to the western fortifications are working on a 84-hour week, with contracts to work 12 hours daily indefinitely.

Wages, already low, were further reduced last month despite the increased hours.

Miners' shifts have lengthened and the retiring age raised to 65.

The number of accidents has increased, for example in the sugar industry, from 3,865 to 5,055 in one year.

NERVOUS EXHAUSTION

Four weeks before the war, the Munich Medical Journal stated: "The increase in nervous complaints is assuming ever greater proportions. In the two years, 1936 and 1938, every fourth German worker was suffering from nervous exhaustion."

German rations at beginning in this war were about the same as the end of the last.

The German worker is allowed one egg a week, and one ounce of soap a month.

Finally, lest he might try to brighten his unrelieved gloomed, he is forbidden to listen to foreign broadcasts or even dance in public. — Reuter.

THE "ROYAL OAK" SURVIVORS

London, To-day.

According to latest information received by the Admiralty, total survivors from H.M.S. Royal Oak were 57 officers and 367 men out of a total personnel of 1234. — British Wireless.

BRITAIN SATISFIED WITH TRUTH

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, making his weekly war statement in the Commons yesterday, said "The statement I made on October 12 was chiefly concerned with the attitude of His Majesty's Government to the speech of the German Chancellor on October 6."

"Apart from comment which has appeared in the German newspapers, there has been no indication from Berlin of the view of the German Government upon the issues I sought to define. There is, therefore, nothing I can add to my statement last week."

Turning to war events, the Premier said that on the Western Front, the British Expeditionary Force had now taken over their allotted sector of the French Line and all divisions were in position.

The British force are under the French Commander-in-Chief while, on the other hand there are French troops serving under the British Commander-in-Chief.

He paid tribute to the unremitting efforts in the Navy in attack and defence, and to the memory of the officers and men lost, whether at sea, on land or in air.

Successes against U-boats have already been reported to the House by Mr. Churchill. Heavy toll has been taken of U-boats since the war began. The failure of this form of attack to interfere with British trade is shown by the estimate that the losses sustained by British shipping entering and leaving United Kingdom ports during the week to October 17 represented only about one half of one per cent. of the total number of sailings.

Attacks by enemy aircraft on fleet bases which have begun is a new feature of the war but one fully expected. The extent of the enemy's disappointment at the failure of these attacks to inflict any serious injury might be measured by the fantastic nature of the claims they felt obliged to invent.

Mr. Chamberlain went on: "It is not true, and I must repeat it once again though by now the news grows stale through repetition, that the Hood

FINLAND THANKS ROOSEVELT

Washington, To-day. President Roosevelt has received a message from President Kaali, of Finland, expressing Finland's gratitude for the sympathy and moral support shown by him and the people of the United States in the present crisis. "Your valuable personal assistance and interest in Finland's fate and her difficult problems will never be forgotten in this country. — Reuter."

PARTITION OF POLES

London, To-day.

In the House of Commons, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, yesterday said that there were 17,500,000 Poles living in that part of Poland occupied by Germany and 4,750,000 in that part occupied by Soviet Russia.

These figures were based on the 1931 census, and did not take into account any possible increases since then. — Reuter.

or Repulse or any other capital ship has suffered the least damage" and he added, amid laughter, "The same is true of the Ark Royal."

This country is resolute enough to bear bad news and the Government has not hesitated to publish the full extent of losses sustained.

"The imaginary losses the German broadcasts have described with such unblushing impudence, may serve for the time to raise spirits, but in the end their falsity will be demonstrated and the consequent disappointment will be only more depression."

"We on our side have no intention of claiming successes of which we are not convinced. It is far more important that the world should be able to believe implicitly in the truth of the communiques we issue than that we should reap the short-lived advantages which distortions of truth may bring."

"We know that in the air battles which during the last two days have, for the first time, have been fought over our own coasts, we have destroyed 8 enemy aircraft without losing a single machine of our own. We believe that several more German bombers may have failed to reach home."

These results are a splendid tribute to the courage and determination of the officers and men of the R.A.F. — British Wireless.

WHY BRITAIN SENT OUT SUBSTANTIAL FORCES FROM INDIA

London, To-day.

AN EXPLANATION of why external defence troops were sent some weeks ago from India to Singapore, Egypt and Aden, was given by Lord Zetland in the House of Lords, in a statement.

The new India White Paper referred to the exception taken by Congress to this measure and explained that it was taken on the urgent advice of the highest naval and military authorities.

The situation then was such that there was the possibility of a threat to the safety of India both from the west and from the east, which could not be excluded and, from a military point of view, it was essential that the Western and Eastern approaches to India should be adequately defended. It would clearly have been the height of folly to have given the world by discussion in Legislature, advance notice of our military dispositions, nevertheless both the Viceroy and I are anxious to take the leaders of political parties into our confidence and our plans have, therefore, been communicated to them. — Reuter.



Carole Lombard, Gary Grant, and Kay Francis in RKO's "In Name Only," coming to the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

SINISTER SHADOW OF GOD'S ENEMIES

Vatican City, To-day.
A reference to the "sinister shadow of God's enemies" now cast over Europe was made by the Pope when he received the new Lithuanian Minister yesterday in the Vatican.
The Pope said that he would not intervene in the purely temporal controversies of Europe unless he was asked to, but that did not mean that they must close their eyes to the new and immeasurable dangers of the sinister shadow of God's enemies which was now cast over Europe.—Reuter.

JAPANESE ROUND GLOBE FLIGHT

The first Japanese planes to attempt a round-the-world flight, "The Nippon" arrived at Bangkok on Tuesday at 4.30 p.m. and this morning took off for Taihoku, Formosa, on its second last lap back to Tokyo.

It was at first intended to make a non-stop flight from Bangkok to Tokyo but owing to bad weather conditions prevailing between Formosa and Japan, a stop was instructed to be made at Taihoku.

The flight is sponsored by the owners of the "Osaka Mainichi" and "Tokyo Nichi Nichi."

The plane left Osaka on August 26.

KING'S VISIT TO CANADA HOUSE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN YESTERDAY VISITED CANADA HOUSE (FOR THE FIRST TIME) AND AUSTRALIA HOUSE.

They were received at Canada House by the Hon. Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, and Mrs. Massey and spent over an hour on the premises.

At Australia House, they were received by the Rt. Hon. Mr. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia, and Mrs. Bruce.—Reuter.

GUERRILLAS ACTIVE ROUND SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Machine-gun and rifle fire was heard in the western outskirts last night. Chinese guerrillas have been reported active during the past few days.—Our Own Correspondent.

DIPLOMATIC VICTORY FOR THE ALLIES: TURKEY'S REJECTION OF SOVIET PLAN

Rome, To-day.

THE BREAKING OFF of the Turkish-Soviet negotiations has caused surprise in political circles which say that the Turkish announcement must be regarded as a diplomatic victory for the Allies. The Vatican organ "Osservatore Romano" writes that while Turkey does not wish to break with the Soviet, she is unwilling to become the Soviet's Black Sea protectorate.

Turkey saw the eventual installation of the Soviet at Constantinople and a free road for bolshevism in the Mediterranean.—Reuter.

LONDON PLEASSED

London, Oct. 18.

The Turkish Prime Minister's clear and comprehensive statement was received with satisfaction in London. It is clear from the statement that the Soviet endeavoured to persuade M. Sarajoglu to close the Straits, although by the Treaty of Montreux Turkey undertook to allow passage of naval tonnage equal to the strength of the Russian Fleet in the Black Sea.

It is believed that Turkey has set a striking example in her determination to uphold what is one of the Allies' chief war aims, namely respect for undertakings. It is considered that Turkey's decision will greatly help to strengthen the prospects of peace in the Balkans and Southern Europe.—Reuter.

PARIS WELCOME

Paris, To-day.

The fact that Turco-Soviet relations remain cordial despite the suspension of negotiations is welcomed in Paris. The loyalty with which the Turks have kept in the foreground their undertakings to France and Britain is deeply appreciated here and it is believed that these understandings will shortly be confirmed by the signature of a tripartite agreement.—Reuter.

FOREIGN OFFICE ISSUE
STATEMENT

London, To-day.

The Foreign Office to-night issued the following statement:

"Although London official circles are not yet fully informed of the circumstances which brought the Russo-Turkish negotiations to an apparent impasse, it is evident from the statement of M. Saydam, the Turkish Premier, that proposals were made which were regarded by the Turkish Government as unacceptable.

"It may be noted, however, that the statement of M. Saydam and the official communique of the U.S.S.R. both referred to the continuance of friendly relations between the two countries."

The statement adds that the interpretation of the situation current in London yesterday morning must not necessarily be accepted as being accurate in all details.—Reuter.

RUSSIA'S OBJECTIVE

London, To-day.

With regard to the ending of the Soviet-Turkish negotiations, a semi-official source in Paris suggests that

LABOUR LEADER URGES ATTENTION TO HOME FRONT

London, To-day.

MAJOR ATTLEE, leader of the Labour Opposition, in the House of Commons yesterday associated the Labour Party with the tributes paid by the Prime Minister to those who had lost their lives in recent operations.

He went on to say that it did not seem to him that the Government was taking nearly seriously enough the question of the organisation of the Home Front and sustaining the morale of the people.

It was of vital importance to the efficiency of our fighting services that they should know that everything was satisfactory at home with their families.

Equally the Labour Party were not in the least satisfied with regard to the economic side of the war and the economic organisation of the country for war.

They were wholly dissatisfied with any suggestion that this was a matter which could be left to the part-time efforts of Sir John Simon and Lord Stamp or the part-time efforts of anybody.

SOMEBODY RESPONSIBLE

They ought to have proper representation by someone responsible for economic organisation — somebody who was responsible for organisation with regard to pensions and everything else that would sustain the morale of the civil population.—Reuter.

REAR-ADMIRAL DIES IN ROYAL OAK

London, To-day.

Among the 24 officers who lost their lives in the Royal Oak was Rear-Admiral H. E. C. Blagrove.

The total number of lives lost is now put at 810 officers and men.—Reuter.

Russia's activity might have been on behalf of "a third power." Von Papen's hurried return to Berlin is evidently closely connected with the ending of the talks.—Reuter.

HOUSE RANSACKED IN TAIPO ROAD

Pretending to be electricians from the China Light and Power Company, three men gained entrance to the second floor of No. 170, Taiipo Road yesterday afternoon.

After gagging and binding the inmates, including a 70-year-old widow, they ransacked the house and escaped with \$202 in money and jewellery.

STAFF TALKS BEGINNING IN ANKARA

Ankara, To-day.

British and French military officers of the highest rank, General Waverell, who is the commander-in-chief of the British Land Forces in the Middle East, and General Weygand, veteran of the Great War, arrived in Ankara by air last night.

They immediately exchanged visits with the Chief of the Turkish General Staff and the Turkish Minister of Defence.

It is officially learned that the Generals will commence staff talks with Turkey to-day.—Reuter.

BAN ON WARRING SUBMARINES

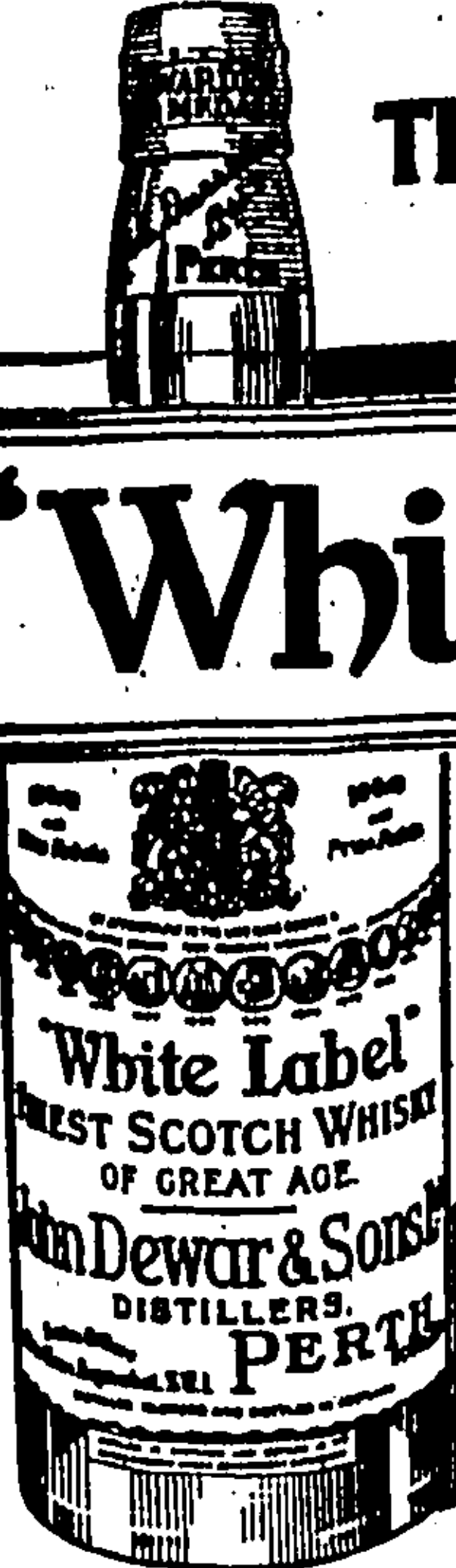
Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has barred United States ports and territorial waters to belligerent submarines.—Reuter.

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END OF HOPE

Continued surrender to the aggressions of the Fascist dictators would mean the end of the hopes of civilised people—of an expanding culture, of decent relations among men of different faiths, of Labour's effort to develop its independent power and control its own fate, of the struggle to find a way to increase the material wealth of the people, of a more representative and effective democracy. Culture would be bent, as it is in Germany, to the purposes of a military State. Jews would be persecuted—perhaps largely exterminated—over vast areas of the earth now relatively free from anti-Semitic terrorism. Labour would revert to wage-slavery in literal fact; free unions would be crushed, and no political expression of the interests of the workers would be tolerated. The production and trade of the nations would be subjected to restrictions, aimed against one another, that would ensure a declining world economy, a lower standard of life, and a reversion to the archaic methods of exchange of goods characteristic of Germany to-day. And political democracy would be dead.—"The Nation," New York.

RUSSIA GRABBING

While Moscow seems to have been able to bend Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania to its will with comparative ease, it seems as though it will meet with some opposition from Finland, which, according to the latest advices, appears to be in no frame of mind abjectly to surrender. What M. Stalin requires from the Finns has not yet been officially announced, but it is obvious that he is bent on securing Russia's naval position in the Baltic with a sufficiency of naval bases free from ice all the year round. That he has demands to make on Finland is obvious from the fact that he summoned the Finnish Foreign Minister to negotiate with him in Moscow. That the Finns are not so amenable to pressure, as the other Baltic states, is demonstrated by the fact that the Foreign Minister did not accept the summons, and that another representative, believed to be more capable of dealing with the Kremlin was sent in his stead. Judging from what he has demanded from the other Baltic States it seems as though M. Stalin will require the Finns' consent to the establishment of naval bases on the northern shores of the Gulf of Finland, thereby giving control over access from Petrograd to the Baltic Sea. He might also require some concessions with regard to the Åland Islands assuring command over the Gulf of Bothnia, for if he secures all this the Bolshevik dream of a powerful Russian navy strongly placed in the Baltic may eventually be realised. How that will please Herr Hitler is a matter for some speculation, but it is apparent that no prudent German Government would readily acquiesce in the growth of a strong naval power within a sea which it has regarded for years past as its own bailiwick. A powerful naval Russia

on Germany's east would prove a very considerable menace to Germany, and would put the seal once and for all on the German relinquishment of their schemes in eastern Europe. Herr Hitler when he agreed to the non-aggression pact with Russia may have thought he was merely sowing the wind, but the indications are that already he is beginning to reap the precursor of the whirlwind. He has surrendered his position in eastern Europe and faces defeat in the west, a truly unenviable position.—"N.C.D.N."

FORCES AGAINST HITLER

The forces against Hitler are less easy to measure because they are not all above the surface. Nor can they be so easily collected and organised in a concrete form. Nazism is an armed and militant doctrine, and it has the strength of a religion. But it is necessarily in conflict with other faiths and other ways of life. The dictators despise Western Europe because they think that liberalism—and liberalism, in its widest sense, is the spirit and basis of the life of Western Europe—is decadent and effete. They see only the weaknesses of the democracies. Those weaknesses are manifest and nobody will deny their importance. But the attack of Nazism is not an attack on their weaknesses but on their strength. The feeling for liberty, the belief in the dignity of man, the respect for civilised law, these are great moral and political principles that are directly challenged by Nazism. What is wrong with the democracies is not that they hold these truths but that in the difficult art of politics their application is sadly imperfect. Nazism denies the truths themselves. These truths belong to the inheritance of Europe, and they are the bonds that unite peoples diverse in race in a common culture. For they belong to the Christian tradition of Europe which by teaching the underlying equality of all human individuals gave a new meaning and a new sanction to the Greek ideal of law. Hitler has liberty and the Roman sense for thus against him all that is vital in democracy both as a religion and as a way of life, as a faith and as a habit.—"Manchester Guardian."

CHINA AND THE WAR

"It is unnecessary for China to join the Allies in the European war as urged by Mr. Eugene Chen. The question is not 'Must China join the Allies or declare her neutrality?', but 'Has China the strength and resources to participate in the war in the West?' We have not the strength to do so; and, it is doubtful whether the Allies would welcome China who cannot give them any material support. In spirit, we are actually fighting side by side with Britain and France, against the aggressors for world security and peace."—"Ta Kung Pao", Hong Kong.

TWO BIG BRITISH VESSELS SUNK IN ATLANTIC

London, To-day.

TWO BRITISH SHIPS were sunk in the Atlantic yesterday, the 10,000-ton Yorkshire and the 7,000-ton City of Mandalay, by a U-boat.

The United States Maritime Commission announces that the 300 survivors of both ships have been picked up by the American ship Independence Hall.

The Yorkshire, which is owned by the Bibby Steamship Co., was a vessel of 10,184 tons gross and 6,266 tons net. Built by Harland Wolf at Belfast in 1920, she was powered by four steam turbines and was 482 feet long, with a breadth of 58 feet and a depth of 40 feet.

Owned by the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., the City of Mandalay was a vessel of 7,049 tons gross and 4,511 tons net. Built by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson at Newcastle in 1925, she was 443 feet long, with a breadth of 58 feet and a depth of 32 feet.

A noticeable feature of both ships was their cruiser sterns.

The Independence Hall, 5,050 tons gross, is owned by the United States Shipping Board. — Reuter.

500 MILES OFF THE FRENCH COAST

Washington, To-day.

Three hundred survivors from the Ellerman Line vessel City of Mandalay and the s.s. Yorkshire have been picked up in mid-Atlantic by the United States steamer Independence Hall, whose master sent a wireless message to the United States Maritime Commission reporting the rescue.

The Independence Hall was on the way from Bordeaux and reported her position at the time as being 500 miles from the French coast.

An announcement by the Maritime Commission, says that the 300 survivors rescued by the Independence Hall, come not only from the City of Mandalay but also from the 10,000-ton Bibby liner, Yorkshire.

A message picked up in Gibraltar from the Independence Hall states that she rescued 223 survivors of the Yorkshire. — Reuter.

SCORES HURT IN LINER IN ATLANTIC GALE

New York, To-day.

In response to a radio request, the United States Coast-guard cutter, Hamilton, went out with supplies for the treatment of scores of refugee passengers in the liner President Harding.

The refugees had been seriously injured in a gale, during the height of which, a seaman on board was successfully operated upon for appendicitis.

After receiving the supplies, the President Harding is proceeding, while the Hamilton has radioed that she is going to assist the Glasgow steamer Blairbec which has wirelessed a report to the effect that she has lost her rudder.

SEVENTY-THREE INJURED

A wireless message from the President Harding states that 45 passengers and 28 of the crew have been injured.

A waiter is believed to have been lost overboard. — Reuter.

NO ITALIAN DEMARCHE IN LONDON

Rome, To-day.

Signor Bastianini took with him to London no plan or memorandum from the Duce regarding current events, according to Stefani, the official News Agency, which states that the interview between Signor Bastianini and Lord Halifax in London on Tuesday was for the purpose of establishing normal contact between the new Italian Ambassador to London and the British Foreign Secretary. — Reuter.

NAZIS PAY ANOTHER AIR VISIT TO SCAPA FLOW

London, To-day.

German planes were seen yesterday in the Scapa Flow area of the Orkneys.

German aircraft, apparently on reconnaissance, were seen to approach from Kirkwall in the north to Duncansby Head in the south.

Two air-raid alarms were sounded in Kirkwall and anti-aircraft guns went into action when a German plane flew over at a great height.

Some observers report seeing the plane lurch in the air and there are unconfirmed reports that it was shot down.

Two flights of planes flew over a neighbouring area and anti-aircraft guns went into action; the enemy aircraft were too high to be seen. — Reuter.

BY ANY OTHER NAME....

New York, To-day.

Commenting on the fact that 20 Senators opposing the repeal of the arms embargo, had notified their intention to speak, thereby prolonging the debate, the "New York Post" says: By whatever name they care to call these speeches they will still be filibustering.

"Despite any excuse that they can make, that filibuster will put upon them the responsibility of maintaining just so much longer the Act favouring Germany while Nazi planes bomb Scotland and Soviet statesmen bully the Scandinavian Democracies." — Reuter.

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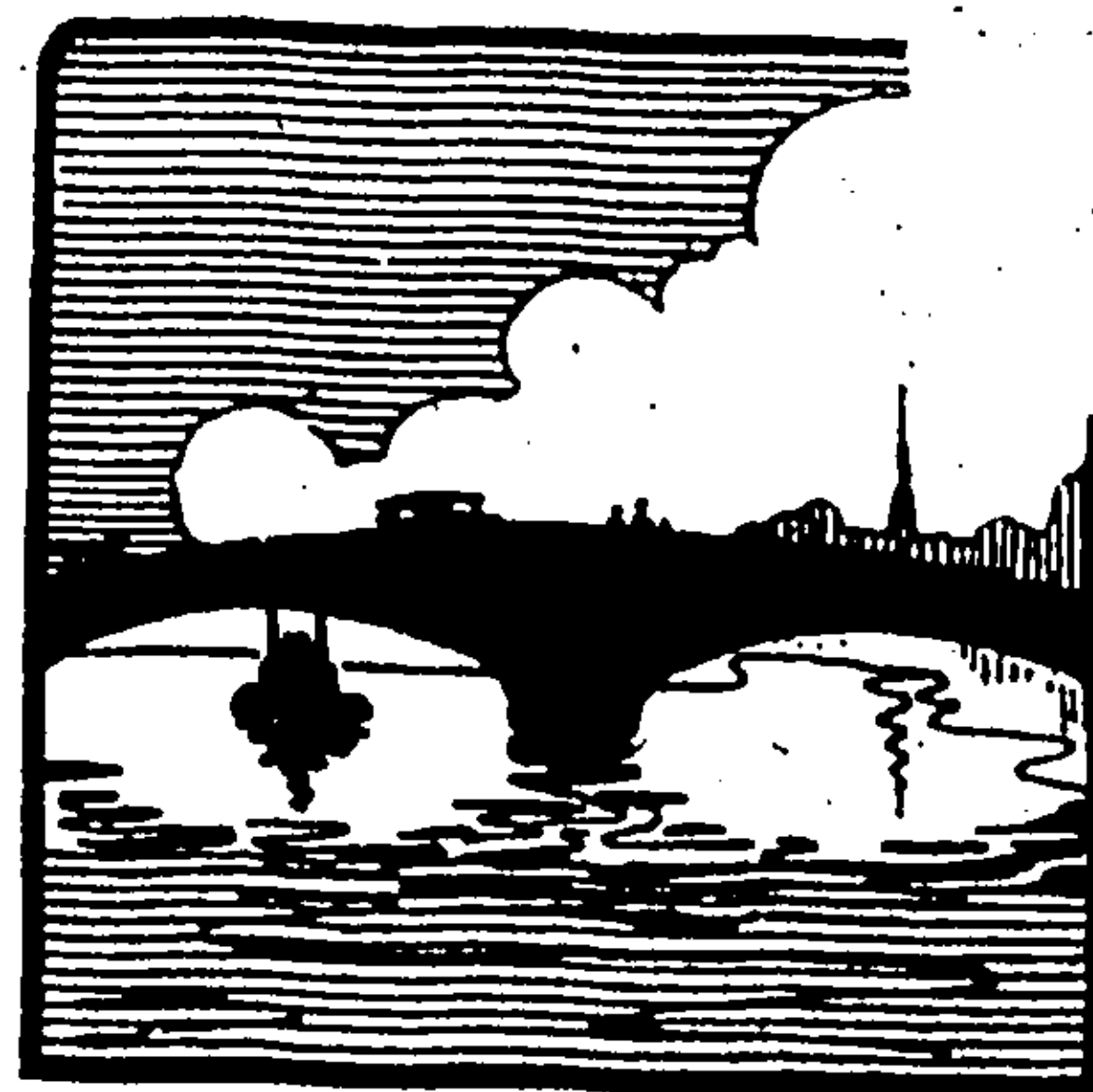
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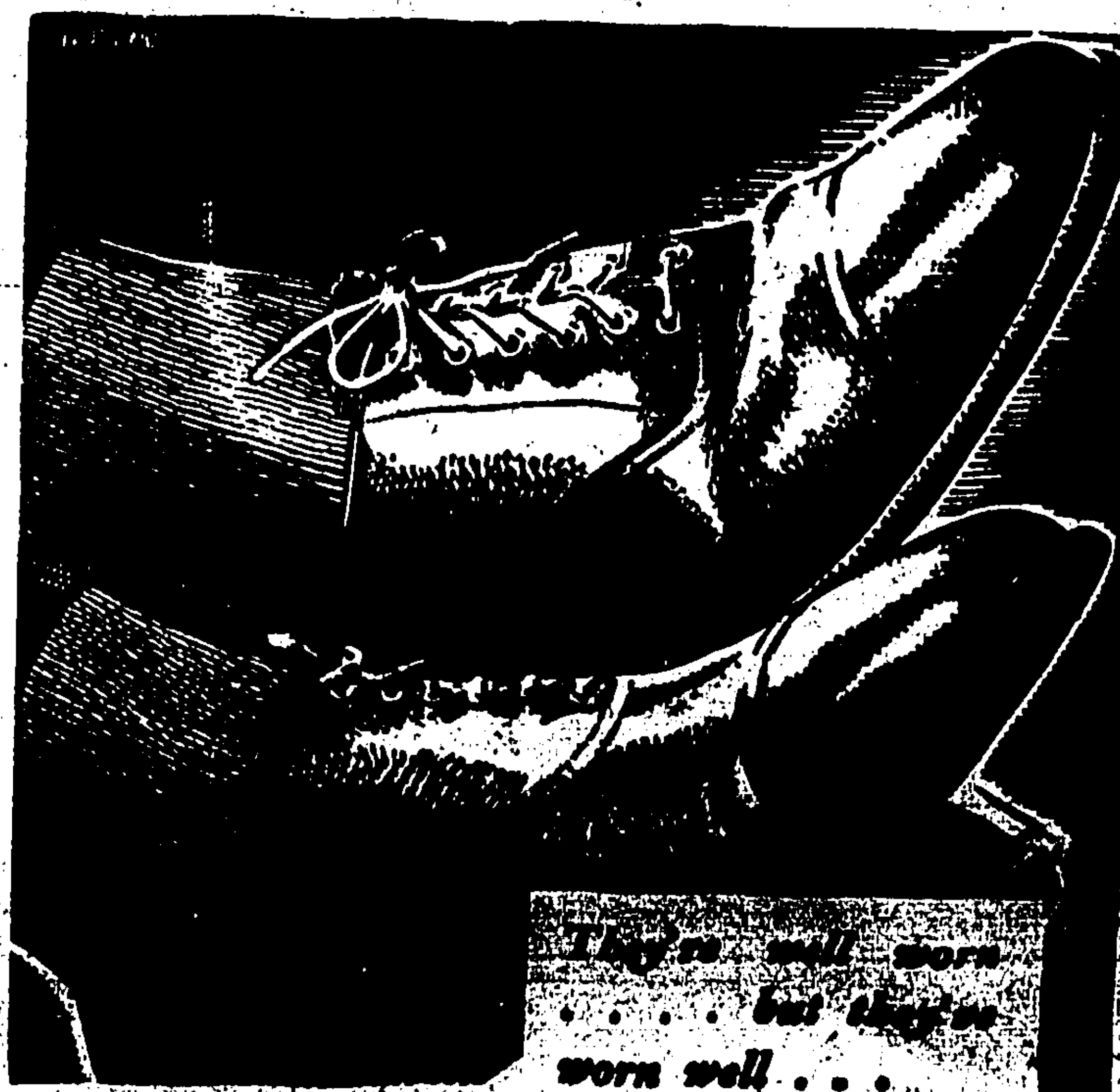


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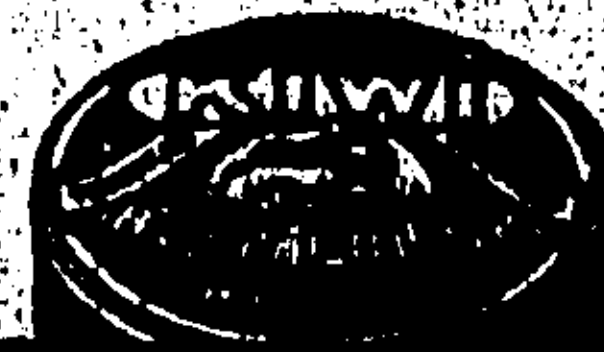
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INCOME TAX IN HONG KONG

Sir, — The right to criticise is one of the most valued privileges of a democracy. Even in Hong Kong we are not entirely denied that right. Yet the right to criticise carries with it certain obligations. The critic must see to it that his criticism is fair and based on a clear appreciation of the facts and of the issues involved.

To date, critics of the proposed Income Tax appear to have overlooked this. In part, of course, the trouble was caused by the fact that the "tentative" income tax tables published in a certain section of the press were inaccurate, as they omitted to take into account the fact that, for the remainder of salaries (after deduction of allowances) up to \$3,000 a year, the basis was 5 per cent., not 10 per cent.

The critics also appear to have overlooked the fact that complete details have not been worked out. In giving notice of Government's intention to impose Income Tax, the Financial Secretary only gave a brief indication of the probable lines.

An examination of this shows that in the main it will be run on similar lines to the tax at home. That tax contains due provision for deductions for dependents, and so on, and it is highly probable that the local species will follow suit.

Until the full and final text of the Income Tax regulations comes out, however, criticism based on speculation is useless. (Of course, if I misread the "critics" and they were merely trying to help with constructive suggestions, I apologise).

The majority, however, appear to be opposed to Income Tax in toto. I do not propose to argue here with proponents of this anarchical view, beyond pointing out that in civilized states the citizen has a duty to the community he lives and works in. In England, income tax in its present form dates from 1798.

At the same time, it is surprising that the real issue has received so little attention.

The people of Hong Kong have been warned that although certain compulsory service, higher duties, etc., have been made on them, more are probable as the war progresses. That is as it should be, for those of us who, though we bitterly hate war, welcome the decision to put an end to Nazi tyranny, inhumanity and aggression, strongly desire to do what we can towards bringing about the final victory.

The State—here represented by the Colony of Hong Kong—has the right to demand our active and willing support. But we, the people of Hong Kong, who collectively combine to make the life of this Colony and its aid to the Mother Country possible, have also right to demand certain things of the State in return.

We are part of the great democracies which are fighting against dictatorship and totalitarianism. A democracy is a state practising "government by the people, direct or representative."

Yet here in Hong Kong we are not a democracy. We are ruled by a body of civil servants and "unofficial members" who are chosen by that body and consist of taipans who are directors of an array of companies. The ordinary man in the street—or, rather, office and small home—has no say in

matters which vitally affect his existence.

The time has come for us to demand, as the very right of people who are part of an Empire fighting for justice, liberty, democracy and freedom, a voice in the control of our affairs.

I understand that the snag in the past against the granting of such a franchise has been the suggestion that the vote would then be in the hands of a "foreign" population. One might argue that if that "foreign" population is a vital part of the Colony, it too, had the right to a vote, but let us leave that until later.

As a preliminary measure towards the Democracy of Hong Kong, the Income Tax, which will not affect that section of the population, provides a safe and just method of surmounting the difficulty.

Let our motto be, "Taxation and representation," and no one can deny that fairness and justice are on our side. We haven't a leg to stand on if we oppose the Income Tax on other grounds.

W. H. D.

GANDHI NOT PLEASED BY BRITISH STATEMENT

New Delhi, To-day.

Mr. Gandhi said yesterday that he was disappointed with the Viceroy's report on the constitutional future of India, and expressed the view that it would have been better if the British Government had made no declaration at all.

As far as he can see, Congress will be no party to it.

He comments that another Round Table conference is proposed at the end of the war and that this is bound to fail like its predecessors.

He concluded:—

"do not blame the Viceroy or the leaders of Britain for this unfortunate result."

"Congress will have to go into the wilderness again before it becomes strong and pure enough to reach its objectives."

LORD ZETLAND'S APPEAL

London, To-day.

In the course of his speech in the House of Lords on the White Paper, the Secretary of State for India, Lord Zetland, appealed to the Indian people that, in comradeship with us, they strive after agreement among themselves without which they would surely fail to achieve the unity which is the essential of the nationhood of which those with vision among her leaders have long dreamed and which must surely be the crowning achievement of long and intimate political relations between the peoples of Britain and India.—Reuter.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

SALUTARY FINES IN ATTEMPTED BRIBE CASE

FINES OF \$1,500 OR SIX MONTHS' HARD LABOUR WERE IMPOSED ON SHUM KWONG-CHUNG, CONTRACTOR, AND YEUNG TIN-CHEUNG, BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE AT THE CRIMINAL SESSIONS THIS MORNING, WHEN CHARGED WITH OFFERING A BRIBE OF THREE PER CENT. OF THE COST OF BUILDING HUTS IN ARGYLE STREET TO MR. R. P. SHAW, EXECUTIVE ENGINEER OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The first defendant pleaded guilty. Second defendant was represented by Mr. Hing-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. Hall. The case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Counsel.

The jury was composed of Messrs:—A. Howard (foreman), Chau Shing-tai, A. A. Gon, B. Hailston, Cheung Yuen-cheun J. Jorge and G. A. Low.

Mr. Prentiss said defendant stood charged with offering a bribe to a government servant with object of securing the contract for the erection of certain huts in Argyle Street. Tenders were invited in the "Government-Gazette" and the closing date was September 11. On September 8, defendants visited Mr. Shaw's office and asked if they could tender. Mr. Shaw went through the list of authorised contractors and said that as they were not on the list, they could not tender. They were told what to do if they desired to be placed on the list. On September 19, they came again and first defendant produced a letter, which he handed to the other, who gave it to Mr. Shaw. The latter came to a clause where three per cent. of the contract price was mentioned and asked to whom the percentage was to be given. Second defendant replied that this was for Mr. Shaw.

Mr. Shaw took the letter to his senior officer and as the result of instructions arranged a meeting with the two men in his office at 3 p.m. on September 22, when Sub-Inspector C. Goodwin and a Chinese police interpreter were able to hear any conversation going on.

MERE INTERPRETER

Yeung Tin-sheung, second defendant, said he did not go to Mr. Shaw on the first occasion with first defendant, but with another man. On instructions of the first defendant he wrote the letter and accompanied him in the role of interpreter. He was not interested when the tender closed. He understood that the three per cent. mentioned was to be given to the engineer. First defendant had promised him a supervisor's job and he could not say whether if the tender had been obtained, he would have been given that work.

Mr. Lo said that he knew a most serious view was taken of bribery cases but, in this instance, the case was not without redeeming features which entitled sympathetic consideration.

Second defendant had a wife and child and was in need of work. He would blindly and thoughtlessly accept work especially if given by a man from Shanghai who held himself out as a man of means.

The prosecution had been fair but

MOSCOW MOVE TO AID GERMANY?

Moscow, To-day.
A threefold expansion of trade between Latvia and the Soviet is provided for in a trade treaty signed in Moscow yesterday.

The agreement provides for a large increase in the transit of Soviet goods through Latvian ports.—Reuter.

BRITISH CONTRABAND SEIZURES

London, To-day.
During the week to October 14, the British Contraband Control intercepted and detained 23,000 tons of goods as to which there was evidence that they were contraband destined for Germany.

These included 5,900 tons of copra, 2,000 tons of phosphates, 1,800 tons of coffee, 1,800 tons of lead and lead concentrates, 1,150 tons of steel scrap, 1,000 tons of manganese ore, 1,200 tons of miscellaneous ores and metals, 1,000 tons of rubber, 1,000 tons of palm oil, 1,000 tons of soya bean oil, 1,000 tons of other oils and fats, 1,000 tons of cereals, 350 tons of cotton and various quantities of wool, silk, fibres, chemicals, tanning materials, hides and skins, foodstuffs, oilseeds, timber, gums and resins.

This brings the total for the first six weeks of the war up to 338,000 tons.—British Wireless.

NAVAL OFFICER'S CAR STOLEN

A car owned by Surgeon-Lt. Jones, residing at the Gloucester Hotel, was stolen from the Pedder Street car park yesterday.

PRINCE EDWARD RD. HOUSE BURGLED

Major R. J. L. Penfold, of No. 279, Prince Edward Road, was robbed of money and jewellery, to a total value of \$480, from his residence sometime between midnight and 6 a.m. this morning.

BILL OF HEALTH

Two diphtheria, six typhoid (two Victoria and four Kowloon) seven dysentery and 30 tuberculosis cases were notified to the Medical Department yesterday.

fate had been hard on his client.

Mr. Prentiss informed the court that neither had any previous convictions.

The Chief Justice said it was difficult to imagine a more stupid attempt at bribery but the attempt was deliberate. Defendants must be made to realise that this was against the law and would be punished and punished severely.

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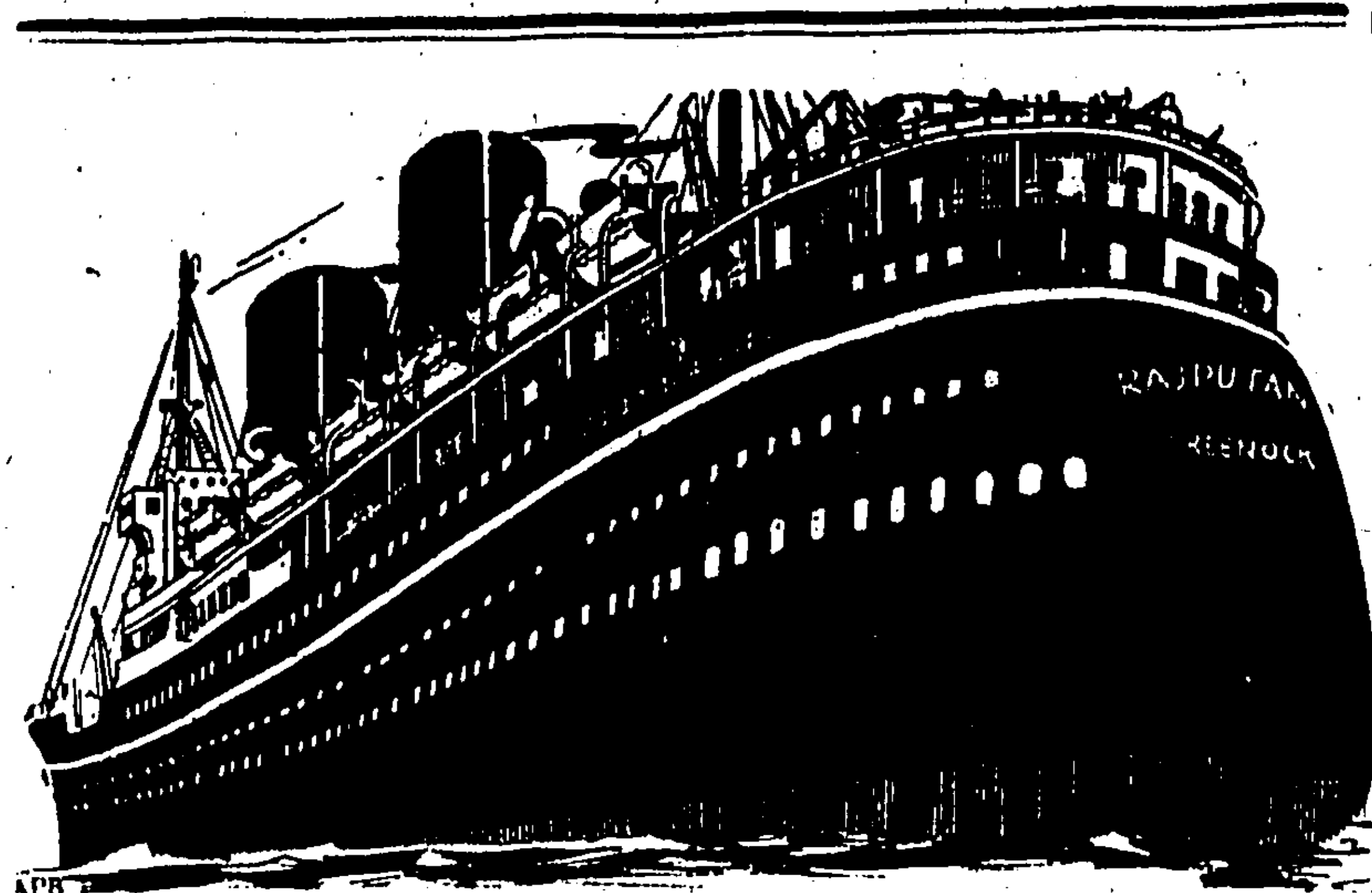
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DOMINION STATUS PROBLEMS IN INDIA

London, To-day.

LORD ZETLAND, Secretary for India, replying to the debate in the House of Lords yesterday raised by Lord Snell (leader of the Labour Party) on the Viceroy's statement, said the outbreak of war immediately evoked from one end of India to the other a violent protest against the outrage committed by the Nazi Government, and resulted in spontaneous offers of support irrespective of class or community.

Prior to the war, however, the Congress Party had protested against troop movements occasioned by necessary defence measures, although these precautionary moves were communicated to the leaders of all political parties in the Assembly.

Passing from this phase, Lord Zetland, dealing with the position on the outbreak of war, stated that with his approval the Viceroy had been for long in close touch with Mahatma Gandhi, and he expressed gratitude for Mr. Gandhi's readiness to help, not only in interpreting the Congress viewpoint and aspirations, but also by his endeavour to appreciate the difficulties and outlook of the British Government.

MR. GANDHI'S HELP

Mr. Gandhi had given much help in the attempt to surmount these difficulties. An invitation to meet the Viceroy was immediately accepted, and at the outcome of the conversations Mr. Gandhi publicly stated in his personal capacity that his view was "that in the struggle upon which the country had entered, India should give unconditional support to the British Government."

Lord Zetland then mentioned the comprehensive statement of the Congress Working Committee, which had received careful consideration.

"Broadly speaking, its effect was, while condemning unequivocally the action of the German Government, to make clear that before Congress could decide to give support they wished to be informed of the British war aims, particularly on how the aims would apply to India."

MUSLIM LEAGUE

Meanwhile, the Working Committee of the All-India Muslim League, the next most powerful organisation in Indian politics, issued a statement also condemning the Nazis but expressing views on the internal political situation showing substantial divergence from the views of Congress.

The Viceroy had also received the views of the Princes and the National Liberal League, as well as the leaders

of minorities.

Out of this background of the Indian picture two main features arose.

First, the unanimous desire of all communities to see the overthrow of the menace overshadowing Europe and mankind.

Second, the desire of self-expression in forms of democratic political self-government.

MINORITIES' DEMAND

But the minorities demand safeguards against the majority, "and herein is found the root cause of the main difficulty."

For this reason the problem of Indian self-government was not as simple as it appears to those confining their view to one part of the picture only.

Members of the Viceroy's consultative committee, which was maintaining close touch with all aspects of the war, would be in a position to give free and frank expression on all matters laid before them, and being fully representative of members of all communities working in close association with each other tend gradually to lessen the differences now existing between various interests and emphasise the common viewpoints of all taking part in the work.

Speaking of the future, the Secretary for India said the object of the British Government, as ever, was the attainment of Dominion status for India.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE PROCEED UP YANGTSE

Shanghai, To-day.

A large number of Japanese troops boarded transports yesterday and were reported to have sailed up the Yangtse.—Our Own Correspondent.

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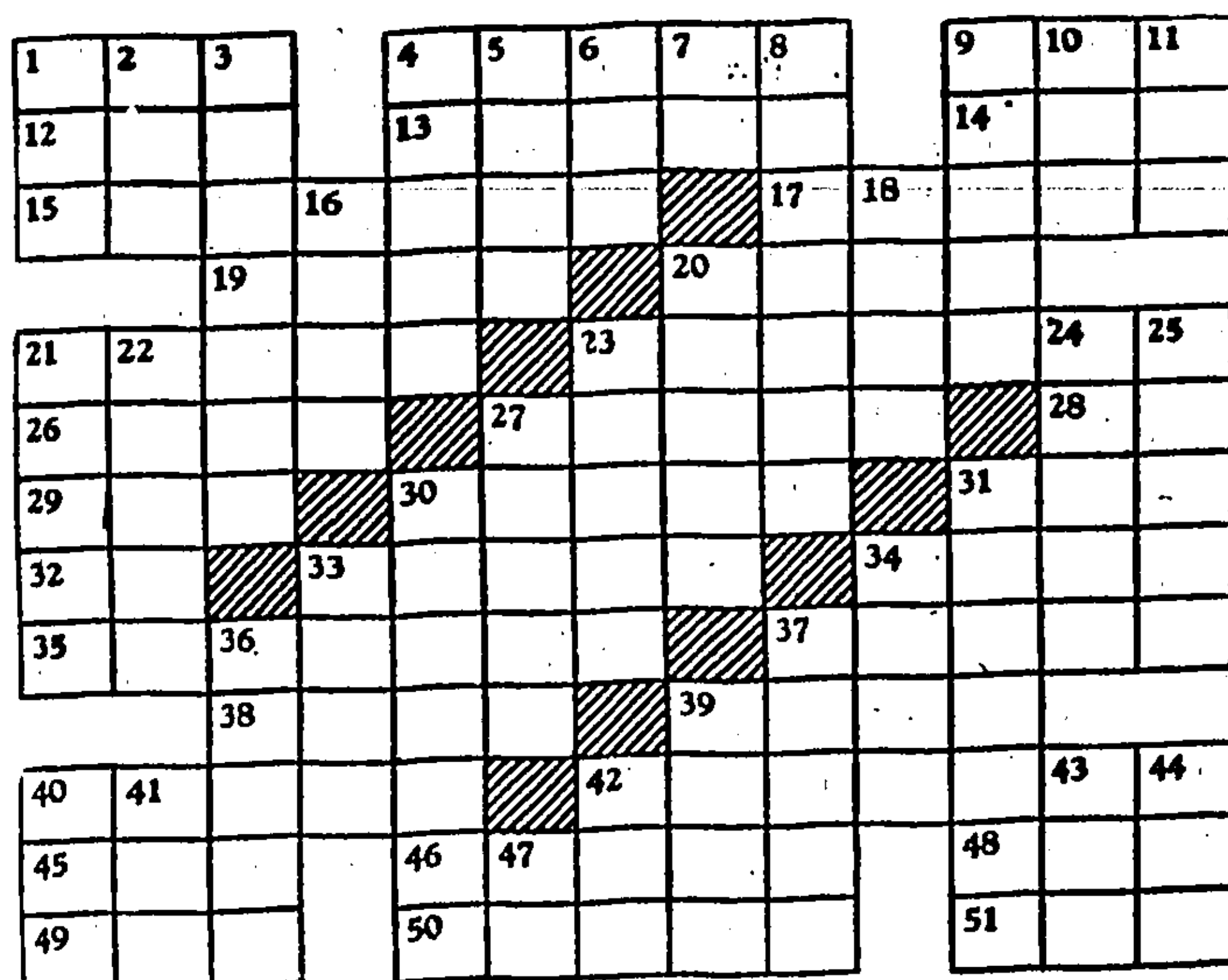
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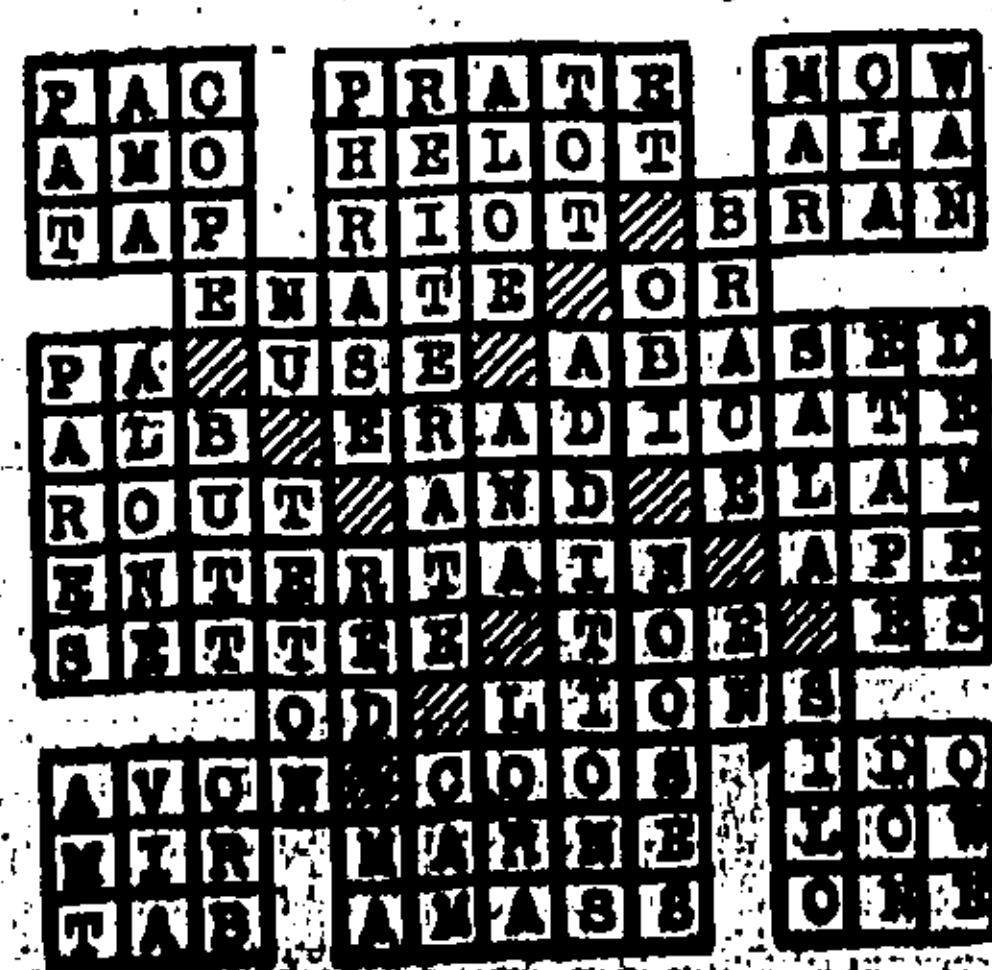
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- 9 Small chunk
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- 20 Inlets
- 21 Card
- 23 Most indigent
- 26 Grain
- 27 Rains
- 28 Pronoun
- 29 Custom
- 30 Coppers
- 31 Decade
- 32 Spanish article
- 33 Turkish decree
- 34 Untrammeled
- 35 Offers
- 37 Brute
- 38 Word of regret
- 39 Opponents

- 40 Greek districts
- 42 Mouth bone
- 45 Hall
- 46 Musical piece
- 48 Self
- 49 To stuff
- 50 Venetian rulers
- 51 Period

VERTICAL

- 1 Equality
- 2 Pronoun
- 3 Separation
- 4 Scene of crime
- 5 Units of work
- 6 French: Noah
- 7 Plural pronoun
- 8 Elders
- 9 Web-footed birds
- 10 Annuity
- 11 To howl
- 16 Heraldic bearing
- 18 Plant heads
- 20 Course
- 21 Caster
- 22 Passage
- 23 Small lakes
- 24 Brightness
- 25 Principle
- 27 Fruits
- 30 Wrinkled
- 31 Relied
- 33 Unoccupied
- 34 Insect
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- 40 Pile
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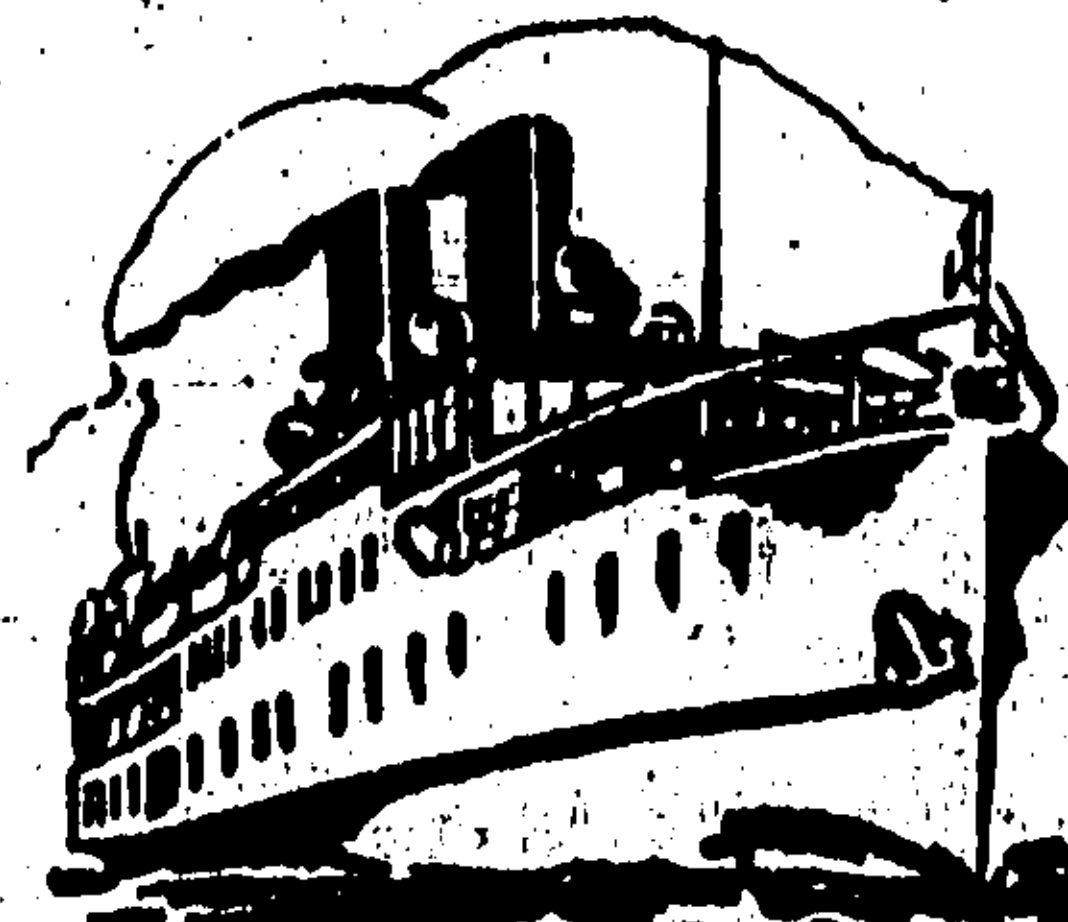
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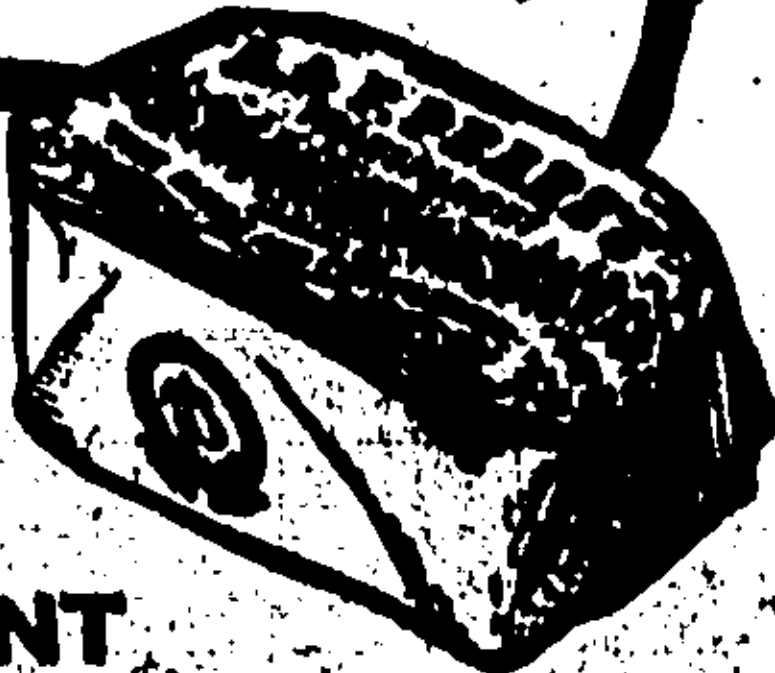
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JEWISH COLONIES IN DOMINICA AND PHILIPPINES

Washington, To-day. The inter-governmental conference on refugees has decided to proceed immediately with permanent mass settlements of German Jews in the Philippines and the Dominican Republic.

A start will be made with token settlements of Jews who are taking refuge in neutral countries.

The conference agreed that priority be given German Jews from Poland, principally those taking refuge in Belgium, Holland and Switzerland.

Lord Winterton, who presided at the meeting, together with the French representative, said they agreed with the priority though they had thousands of Jews in their own countries, but their problem was less urgent.—Reuter.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

MINING
Raubs \$9½ b.
PUBLIC UTILITIES
Telephones (Old) \$20 b.
MANILA SHARES
Antamoks Ps. .12½ sa.
Atoks Ps. .14½ sa.
Baguio Gold Ps. .14 sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .009 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.70 sa.
Big Wedge Ps. .17½ b.
Coco Grove Ps. .12 b.
Consol. Mines Ps. .0035 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .06½ b.
I.X.L. Ps. .34 b.
Ipo Gold Ps. .10½ b.
Itogons Ps. .15 sa.
Masbates Ps. .06¼ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode Ps. .06 b.
Mine Operation Ps. .07½ b.
North Camarines Ps. .12½ b.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. .15 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .65 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .15 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. .10½ sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .02 b.
United Paracales Ps. .24 sa.

PROFITEERING IN SANDBAGS

Shopkeepers and factory owners who require large numbers of sandbags for the protection of their premises are concerned at the rapidly increasing prices.

Purchases by the Government of 400,000,000 sandbags at slightly less than 3d each are being resold at cost price to local authorities. Ordinary buyers are now having to pay between 6d and 8d each for similar bags.

A member of one of the largest firms of sandbag manufacturers pointed out that the contract with the Government was made some considerable time ago, when the average price was lower than at the outbreak of hostilities.

"Undoubtedly a number of speculators have purchased sandbags and are now selling them at a tremendous profit," he said.

Quotations at between 6d and 8d each have been made by dealers for regulation Government contract-size sandbags, 33in by 14in, with tying string. Purchasers have been required to pay cash without discount and to provide their own transport.

The purchasing officer of a large company said: "Sand is obtainable at the normal price, transport is controlled, but the bags are not controlled and cost three times the normal price."



An optimist is he who thinks he's seen the last heat wave of the season.

FORD MOTOR COMPANY ACTION

Detroit, To-day. Ford Motor Company officials have disclosed that some 40 Russian engineers who have been studying American production methods for several years, have been told that they will no longer be allowed free access to the factory.

No reason was given. Later the chief investigator of Ford's personnel department, stated that the Russian engineers had local communist party connections and abused their privileges.—Reuter.

FUNERAL OF R.A.F. OFFICER

The funeral of the late Flight Lieutenant R.C.S. Allin, of the R.A.F., who was found dead in the bathing pool of the U.S.R.C. yesterday evening, will take place to-day.

The cortege will leave the Royal Naval Hospital at 4.30 p.m. and will proceed along Stubbs Road to the top gate of the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 22-15/16 for spot and 22-3/16 forward.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02. The New York on London rate was £—U.S.\$4.00.

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TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

THE CASE OF
MARIE
LAFARGE

BY VINCENT TOWNE

The most baffling of all French murder mysteries involved the daughter of one of Napoleon's favourite officers, Colonel Cappelle, of the Old Guard. This beautiful girl was also the granddaughter of the famous Duke of Orleans (Philippe Egalite) by his companion and housekeeper, Mme. de Genlis.

Marie Cappelle had a very lonely girlhood. After her father's death, when she was very young, her mother remarried, and she was adopted by her aunt. Many men sought her hand, but she failed to return their love, and continued to endure her secluded existence until the age of 23, when influenced by her uncle, she consented to a marriage of convenience with Charles Lafarge, a young ironmaster who lived with his mother in a lonely country house, Les Glandiers.

On the day of their return from their honeymoon, Marie locked herself in her room and slipped under the door to her entreating husband a note asking him to free her from her vows, as she loved another and could not endure the contemplation of a life at Les Glandiers. But the couple became reconciled and circumstances seemed to indicate that the story of the former lover was a fiction invented by Marie. Thereafter she took her place in Lafarge's home, furthered his interests and made herself beloved by his employees and neighbours.

Lafarge was a man of hot temper, and it soon developed that he was not altogether honest in his business transactions. But Marie continued to transform the ugly country house into a cheerful home and to bring sunshine even into the soul of her grim mother-in-law, who had disliked her from the first.

After some time the young bride fell ill. Calling her husband to her bedside, she told him that as evidence of her love and devotion she wished to make a will leaving him the sole enjoyment of her fortune, and Lafarge, touched by her act, made a will of his own, leaving her everything that he possessed. Finally, to raise money for the development of a new enterprise, the ironmaster went to Paris taking with him one Denis, a foreman. This sinister individual seemed to exert an evil influence over Lafarge and to share some knowledge that gave him power over his employer.

Lafarge remained away more than a month, during which time he and his wife exchanged affectionate letters. In one of these missives she told her husband that she had sent to him a box containing a miniature of herself and a few little cakes which she had made, requesting that he eat one at midnight, at which hour she, according to an ancient custom, would eat a similar one herself as a pledge of their love.

The box arrived at Lafarge's hotel and was opened not by himself, but by a servant. Afterward, ac-

ording to his own testimony, the box when presented to him, contained not the several small cakes described by his wife, but one large one. Eating a piece of it, he was taken violently ill. With Denis, he then returned home, having negotiated a loan of \$2000, which transaction was carefully concealed from Marie. His illness continuing, Marie was in constant attendance at his bedside. As his sleep was constantly annoyed by rats infesting the old home, she, as on previous occasions, ordered arsenic for their extermination, and Denis procured it from the chemist.

Lafarge suffered a painful illness, supposed to be due to attacks of colic, to which he had been subjected since childhood. Finally there arrived upon the scene one Mme. Brun, an intimate of Marie's mother-in-law. The ironmaster now grew worse and Marie begged that a famous specialist be called in for consultation, but his mother insisted upon engaging a young inexperienced physician.

Lafarge died and after Marie had retired to her room to give way to her grief she was amazed to find herself locked in. It then developed that as a result of insinuations made by Mme. Brun she had been suspected of poisoning her husband. Mme. Brun and Mme. Lafarge, the elder, claimed to have suspected Marie's guilt for some days before her husband's death, yet they had continued to allow her to prepare his food. Medical experts, who made a postmortem upon Lafarge, reported that they had found no trace of poison in his body, whereupon her mother-in-law apologized for having suspected her, but the authorities did not seem to be satisfied, and the widow, now only 24 years old, was subjected to a rigid examination, during which her enemies, Mme. Brun and Denis pointed the finger of suspicion against her. As a result, Marie, a bride of less than one year, was taken to prison.

While awaiting trial the unhappy woman was subjected to another shock. The public prosecutor received a letter signed "Marquis de Liautaud" and begging that the Lafarge chateau be searched for valuable diamonds belonging to his wife. Now it happened that the young Marquis de Liautaud had been Marie's girlhood chum and confidante and that she



MARIE LAFARGE ON THE WITNESS STAND

had visited the Larges soon after their marriage.

French society was shocked when the diamonds described were found in Marie's dressing case. Considering the wealth of the families concerned, this incident became a mystery that deepened with the fair suspect's repeated statements to her attorney that she could not explain the apparent theft even to him.

The young widow was, however, tried for the theft while still awaiting trial for the murder. At length she confessed to her attorney that the Marquise had selected her as a go-between to sell her diamonds and with the money meet the demands of a former lover, who had threatened to blackmail her. But this story was not believed by the jurors and Mme. Lafarge was convicted of stealing her friend's gems. All France now divided into two camps—the Lafargists and anti-Lafargists. But the diamond case proved to be the young widow's undoing. Her subsequent murder trial lasted 17 days and resulted in her conviction. She

was sentenced to the pillory and the guillotine. Protests poured in to the Government from all over the country, and finally, on account of public opinion, her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

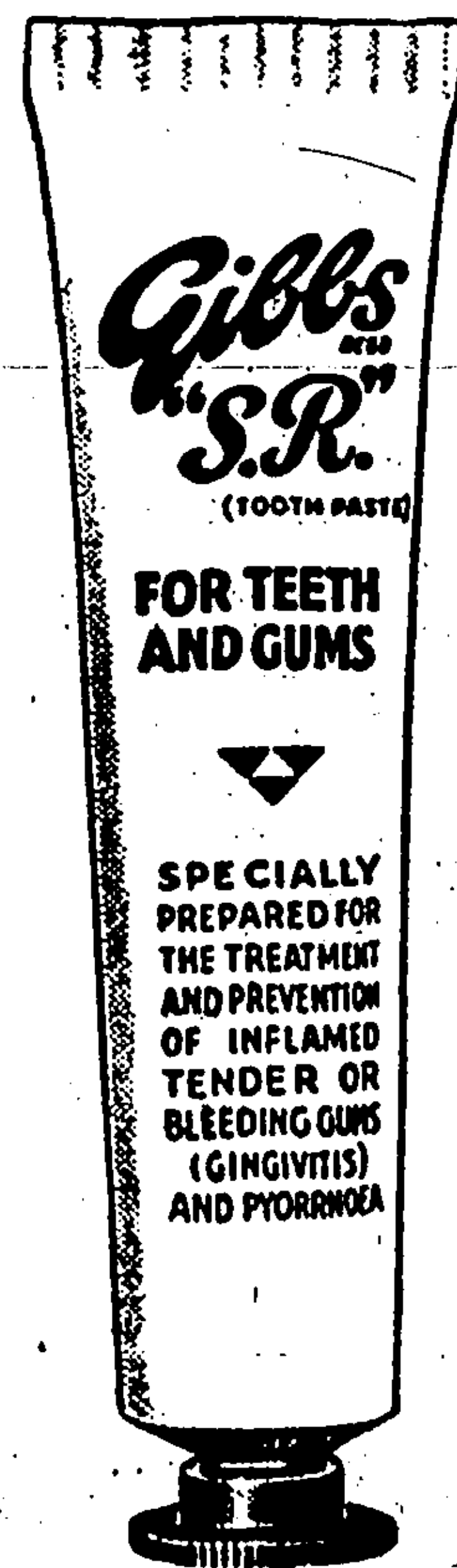
While she languished in prison it developed that just at the time when, according to testimony, the Marquise de Liautaud was being blackmailed, a French official bearing the same name as the blackmailer, had received from Paris a mysterious box expressed by some one named Liautaud, to whom it was returned unopened. With this new testimony, the prisoner's counsel attempted to reopen the case, but she had languished in prison for 12 years before being finally pardoned. She then retired to a secluded watering place, where five months after regaining her freedom, she died.

Two famous German authorities on criminal jurisprudence wrote an exhaustive treatise setting forth the conclusion that the real murderer of Lafarge had been the evil Denis. The blackmailer in the case died in a madhouse about the time of Marie's death.

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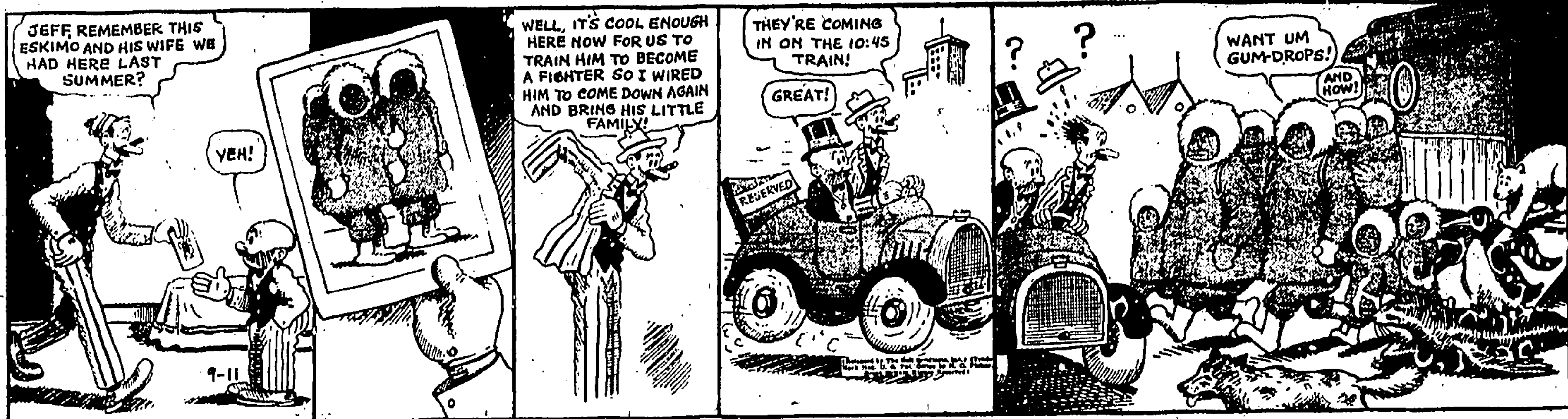
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Fox-Trots—It's The Little Things That Count; Moonlight In Waikiki... Jan Garber & His Orchestra.
Duettists—All Because Of You (Browning & Others); Let's Go Ballyhoo (Starr & Others).... Browning and Starr with Piano.
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You're An Education (Dubin & Warren)... Elsie Carlisle with Orchestra.
Harmonica Duet—Krontjong Successen (arr. Hodlars); Italian Favourite (arr. Hodlars)... The Hodlars.
Vocal—Take Me Away From The River (Parker); Young And Healthy (theme song '42nd Street').... The Four Musketeers with Piano accomp.
Piano—Variations on 'Tipperary' (Williams & Judge); Miracles Sometimes Happen (Ray Noble)... Renara.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Eva Turner (Soprano) and A. T. Lay (Piano).
1. Three songs by Arne: (i) When Daisies Pied; (ii) Where the Bee Sucks; (iii) The Plague of Love... Eva Turner (Soprano).
2. Piece by Balfour Gardiner.... A. T. Lay at the Piano.
3. (a) I Attempt from Love's Sickness to Fly (Purcell); (b) Hark the Echoing Air (Purcell); (c) My Lovely Celia (Munro)... Eva Turner (Soprano).
4. Erotikon (Grieg)... A. T. Lay at the Piano.
5. Micaele's Air from 'Carmen' (Bizet)... Eva Turner (Soprano).
8.30 p.m.—Bizet—The Fair Maid of Perth—Suite. Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
8.45 p.m.—Studio—Talk on 'The Trade of Hong Kong' by P. S. Cassidy.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
"Les Cloches De Corneville" (Plan-

Children's Hour: Dance Music

quette)—Selection.... De Groot & His Orchestra.
"The Maid Of The Mountains"—Gems (Fraser-Simson)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"Chu Chin Chow"—Selection (Norton)... Gaumont British Orch.
"Miss Hook Of Holland"—Vocal Gems (Rubens)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
10.05 p.m.—Violin Solos.
10.19 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

CLOSING IN ON WUNING

Pingkiang, To-day.
Chinese troops are closing in on Wuning, 70 miles northwest of Nanchang.
A Chinese column has forced its way to the north-eastern suburbs, and another force has recaptured Lik, west of Wuning.—Central News.

HANKOW EXODUS

Chungking, To-day.
Foreign reports state that there has been a noticeable exodus of Chinese from Hankow since the recent Chinese air raids.
It is rumoured that Chinese forces will soon launch an attack on the Wuhan cities.—Central News.

Y.M.C.A. HOCKEY TEAMS

Following are Y.M.C.A. hockey fixtures for the remainder of the week:—

TO-DAY
"A" Team (v Royal Scots)—H. Millington; P. Lotley and R. Goldman; D. White, M. Dunne and R. Baldwin; W. Stone, G. Bartlett, Dr. Rose, A. Rix and C. Bevan.

SATURDAY
First XI (v Radio S. C. 4.15 "Y" Ground): V. Benwell; B. Jordan and D. Taylor; I. Kempton, R. Bates and E. Yurleff; D. Smith, M. Dunne, E. Fowler, A. Austen and L. Coombe.

Second XI (v Battery team H.K.S.R.A. 4.15 Marina Ground):—A. N. Other; K. Moller and H. Tomlinson; H. Smith, W. Stone, and K. Broch; A. Mackenzie, R. Dormer, G. Greenberg, D. Spore and C. Bevan. Umpire B. Banks.

CLUB'S EASY VICTORY

Hong Kong Hockey Club beat European Y.M.C.A. by three clear goals at King's Park yesterday.

Club's forward line, despite the absence of Divett, proved more than adequate to cope with the "Y" defence. Whitley, played at inside-left, broke through twice to score a goal in either half, while Carey, at inside-right, netted the opening goal of the match.



(By The Four Aces)

David Bruce Burnstone, Merwin D. Mater, Oswald Jacoby, Howard Schenken... World's leading Team-of-Four, Inventors of the system that has beaten every other system in existence.

THE CORRECT PLAY LOSES

To-day's hand was played in one of the early rounds of the Team-of-Four Championship at Asbury Park, N. J., in which we retained our world's championship title. At both tables South obtained the contract at four hearts. In each instance South was an expert player, and yet he went down one, whereas we are quite certain that almost any novice would make the contract.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ J 7 5
♥ A 8 2
♦ A 6 4
♣ A K 6 2
♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ Q
♦ K Q J 9 2
♣ J 7 5
♠ A K 9 6 3
♥ 8 7 5
♦ 8
♣ Q 10 4 3
♠ 10
♥ K J 10 9 8 4
♦ 10 7 5 8
♣ 9 8

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	1♠
2♥	8♣	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of diamonds, which was won by dummy's Ace. South still had three diamonds left and quite properly perceived that unless the suit were evenly divided, he would have to trump the fourth diamond in dummy, of course, if each opponent held one trump, South could easily make his contract by the simple expedient of drawing two rounds of trumps. But if one opponent held three trumps, this plan would not work for he could then play a third round, therefore Declarer simply returned a

diamond. West promptly cashed two diamonds, then played still another, whereupon South naturally trumped with dummy's heart Ace. Now a trump was led from dummy. South finessed the nine and when West won with his blank Queen, the contract was set.

We admit that all South would have to do at any point is to lay down his King of hearts and drop West's blank Queen. But we are rather stubborn and are convinced that South played the hand properly according to the mathematical odds, for if East's three trumps had included the Queen, there would have been no other method of making the contract.

Yesterday you were the dealer and held:

♠ A K 8 3
♥ 8 6 4 3
♦ 10
♣ A J 9 2

What was your correct opening bid?

ANSWER: Your correct bid is one club. If partner responds with a diamond, you bid a spade; if he responds with one notrump or two clubs, you pass; if he responds in a major suit you raise him.

Score 100% for one club, 40% for one spade (you cannot handle a two-diamond response), 20% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 235

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ K 10 5
♥ 7 4 3
♦ A Q 8 6
♣ 9 8 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	Mater	Jacoby
1♣	Pass	1♥	1♥

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Saturday's Racing Prospects Reviewed

Given fine weather again, there is every reason to anticipate a large gathering at the Ninth Extra Race Meeting, which will be held on Saturday at Happy Valley. There are eight events on the programme, the main attractions being the Hong Kong Griffins Cup and the Kwangtung Handicap for "D" Class China ponies over the mile. A Special Dollar Cash Sweep is being conducted on the last-named event.

The day's programme opens with the principal event of the day, the Hong Kong Griffins Cup over the Champions distance for China ponies, griffins of this season that have started in at least three Extra Meetings, winners of \$3,000 or more in stakes barred.

Judging by its last performance in the Double Tenth Plate, I don't think we need look further than Hectic View (Mr. Pih) for the likely winner. With only 147 lbs. to carry, Rose Emily (Mr. Encarnacao) is a real danger, and will probably command strong support. Jennifer (Mr. Proulx) and Lilliber (Mr. Sung) must also be seriously considered. Then there are Galaxy (Mr. Chao) and Eve of Heaven (Mr. Hearne) both with recommendations based on past results. I am inclined, however, to nominate Hectic View to win, with Rose Emily second and Jennifer third.

CONNAUGHT HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION): ABOUT 1 MILE 151 YARDS

This race is for China ponies, "C" Class, first section, and in view of its fine win in the Sub-Griffins Autumn Plate over 1 1/4 miles at the Seventh Extra Meeting, King Kong (Mr. Sung) will undoubtedly command the most attention, and it has certainly a good chance of scoring its second win of the second half of this year.

I expect Musketeer (Mr. Liang), winner of the Austin Handicap (First Section) at the last Meeting, to make another effort to run away at the start and, if not overhauled in good time, it may yet spring another surprise.

Rose Evelyn, which ran unplaced with Mr. Needa on top at the last outing, has come down in weight by 3 lbs., and, as the champion jockey will be riding it on Saturday, it is also capable of giving King Kong a fight.

Pinfarthings (Mr. Churchill) will be required to carry 166 lbs., and as the distance is against it I think it can safely be disregarded.

Advancing Time (Mr. Ho Hong-ping) will be carrying 149 lbs., but with 5 lbs. allowance it is capable of causing an upset here. It must, however, take the lead from the very start, as it did during the first half of the racing season, when it won two races in succession, but there are Rose-Queen (Mr. Poy) and Galveston Bay (Mr. Black) to be watched as they are both very lightly treated. I expect the finish to be fought out between King Kong and Rose Evelyn, with Advancing Time battling out the third position with Rose-Queen.

NULLAH NULLAH HANDICAP: ABOUT 1 MILE 151 YARDS

This race is for "B" Class Australian ponies. For its win in the Katoomba Handicap Annabella (Mr. Botelho) has been promoted to this class, and as it will be running against better class ponies I think we can leave it out.

Devonian, after its brilliant victory in the Cantala Handicap, has been allotted top weight together with Tornado Star, winner of the Canberra Handicap. I am given to understand that Lady Northcote's nomination will not be starting as the pony will be reserved for the Fremantle St. Leger on November 4. Tornado Star is up by 25 lbs., for its last win and, in view of this, it can also be left alone.

Happy Landings (Mr. Davis), after its defeat at the hands of Devonian at the last Meeting, should stand a very good chance of redeeming itself by winning its first race after the Summer interval.

Crisfel (Mr. Needa), although unplaced at the last outing, should not be disregarded as this pony is good enough to win if given a runaway start.

Candlelight, from the Clre stable, returned from the North within the past two weeks, but as this pony has been given only slow exercise during the mornings it is hard to gauge its form at the moment. I cannot say how it will fare on Saturday, but bear this pony in mind if it falls on Saturday for it will win a race or two before the close of the season.

Janber (Mr. Sung) will be appearing on Saturday for the first time, after the Summer interval, and as it is fighting fit at the moment it will have something to say in the finish. However, taking everything into consideration, I nominate Happy Landings to win with Crisfel second and Janber third.

BONHAM HANDICAP: SIX FURLONGS. Novice Jockeys will here be given mounts on Subscription Griffins of this season that have not won more than \$1,000 in stakes.

After its second placing behind Talkative in the Golden Plate National Liberty (Mr. Young Wing-kwai) seems to be the logical

bet, but it must be remembered, however, that it will be carrying 10 lbs., more than on its last outing.

Under Mr. C. F. Chiu, Matador stands the best chance of winning if it does not allow National Liberty to run away too far ahead at the start. It will be recalled that this pony came in third in the Jordan Handicap (Second Section) over the mile when Kut Cheung was the winner.

Green Bay has been showing improvement at morning gallops and, as it will be taken out by Mr. G. Trevorton, it should be near at the finish. Bressay (Mr. S. W. Lee), if given a good start, stands a chance of causing an upset here as the pony is fast over sprint events. I nominate Matador to win with National Liberty second and Green Bay third.

BALLART HANDICAP: ONE MILE

This is the first leg of the "Daily Double", and will be contested by "C" Class Australian ponies. In view of its defeat by a neck from Annabella in the Katoomba Handicap, Baffin Bay seems the best bet for a win. The danger, of course, is A Great Time, which has always been placed over a mile, but as it has failed to win on so many occasions, I hesitate to nominate it for the first position. However, if ridden by Mr. Needa on Saturday, it should give Baffin Bay a good run for first place. Violet Queen, with Mr. Botelho up, has 5 lbs. allowance and is carrying only 138 lbs. It must, therefore, not be ignored. Amber II (Mr. Ip Kuy-ying) which came in third at the Seventh Extra Meeting and paid \$67.50 for a place, may probably give a better account of itself on Saturday. I think Baffin Bay should win with A Great Time second and Amber II third.

CONNAUGHT HANDICAP: (SECOND SECTION): ABOUT 1 MILE 151 YARDS.

Second section "C" Class ponies will figure in this event, and among the entries for this race I like the chances of Scenic View (Mr. Pih) and Laughing Girl (Mr. Liang). These two ponies dead-heated for third position in the Austin Handicap (second section) over six furlongs at the last Meeting. As Laughing Girl is happier over a longer distance, I think it will just win. Lovely Star, if again ridden by Mr. Trevorton, should not have any difficulty in securing third place money.

WYNDHAM HANDICAP: 1 1/4 MILES

Those who succeed in making the right selection in the first leg of the "Daily Double" will not find it easy to make the proper connection in this race, which is the second leg and which is confined to "B" Class ponies.

Moonlight View (Mr. Pih) has been given top weight of 165 lbs., and in view of its failure at the last meeting over the two mile post it should be left alone. Red Feather, winner of the Kwangsi Handicap (first section), will again have Mr. Needa up, but it has been penalised 12 lbs. Can it still win with this extra weight, and in view of the longer distance? Red Feather ran very well at its last outing, and, under Mr. Needa's experienced handling, I am inclined to believe that it can still do it.

It has to be remembered, however, that Jobber (Mr. Sung) is also in the race. Jobber won the second section of the Kwangsi Handicap carrying 151 lbs. and on Saturday it will have its weight reduced by 21 lbs. In view of the light weight it should give Red Feather a great fight for honours. Then there is Potentate (Mr. Encarnacao) to be reckoned with as it will also be running with 21 lbs. less, but I really doubt whether it will be good enough over this distance, as I cannot recollect it over having won a race over the Champions distance.

New Star (Mr. Y. T. Fung) has been penalised 7 lbs. for its third placing to Red Feather at the previous meeting and should do better over the longer distance. I expect Red Feather to win with Jobber second and New Star third.

KWANGTUNG HANDICAP: ONE MILE. The biggest field of the day will turn out here, and, incidentally, the special Dollar Sweep will depend on the result of this race, which will be contested by "D" Class China ponies, subscription griffins of this season being barred.

Royal Highness (Mr. Needa), which won the Hunan Handicap (first section) over the two mile post distance, has been penalised 9 lbs., but as the distance is only a mile it should have no difficulty in winning again. Gold Coin (Mr. Liang), which ran unplaced in this same race, may find the mile more to its liking and should give Royal Highness a better fight if it does not actually win.

Clowner, which came in third in the Hunan Handicap (first section), will have a change of jockey in Mr. Churchill but the best it can do is to be placed.

Sylvandale (Mr. Hearne) is carrying top weight of 168 lbs. and as it was carrying 164 lbs. when it lost to Royal Highness at the last Meeting it should also be in demand despite the heavy burden.

Night View (Mr. Pih) has come down in weight, and as the pony is looking quite fit just now it can be relied on to give the others a good fight.

The most dangerous contender here, however, is Ebony Idol and, if taken out by Mr. Proulx, it is quite possible that it will be near at the finish as the pony is carrying the light weight of 140 lbs. Royal Highness should win with Gold Coin second and Clowner third.

WEBB WINS ARMY TITLE

The Singles Army tennis championship was decided at Sookunpo yesterday afternoon, when Cpl. Webb, of the Royal Army Medical Corps beat Cpl. Martin of the Royal Army Service Corps, by two sets to nil.

SPORTS PARADE

"SQUADDY" has seen fit to comment on the disparity of strengths of teams competing in Second Division of Hong Kong Football League, and particularly picked on Club and University.

It is true that the latter were beaten by ten clear goals by the Royal Scots on Saturday, but what of it?

The undergraduates will be out again next week, perhaps for a similar trouncing, but they will complete their fixtures in spite of difficulties which no other clubs have.

"Squaddy" is of the opinion that there are several Army sides who could quite satisfactorily take their place in Second Division, but he may not know that with the exception of Signals, who entered two teams in the Junior divisions, no Third Division service side made application for Second Division and that two clubs were forced, on their performances last season, into Second Division.

It is not for the Association to inquire into the playing strengths of teams applying for admission into the Junior League. There is no promotion or relegation system in Hong Kong. The Association does its best to foster and encourage football in every way and asks no more of clubs than to play the game.

THOUGH the local football season is but a fortnight old, three players have been ordered off the field of play during League games, both being from Junior Divisions.

During the past two seasons there have been few cases of misconduct on the field of play and heavy sentences were meted out to guilty parties last season, in some cases suspension for a whole season.

It is understood that the Association will deal most severely with any cases of misconduct or any actions liable to bring the game into disrepute.

It has often been stated that over-keenness and over-enthusiasm in the Junior Division are responsible for these instances, but the Association can hardly be expected to take into consideration these factors when hearing a case.

Every player tries his best for his team but in his endeavours he should remember that doubtful methods should not be resorted to, as such actions not only reflect on him, but also on his club.

It is no disgrace for a team to lose by ten goals if the game has been played in the proper spirit and has afforded the exercise and recreation desired.

It is to be hoped that footballers will give little cause for the Emergency Committee to sit often this season.

TWO important innovations have this season been made in the rules of soccer which can be applied to the Colony.

The watering of pitches is now for the first time, officially recognised and regulated in the English Football League. It is permissible (in England) except during November, December, January and February.

In Hong Kong the grounds get hard during these months and watering of pitches would assist the players considerably.

The other alteration is that "Players must now be numbered in Football League matches." The voting at the last meeting in favour of this alteration was 24-20.

This innovation could well be adopted. (Continued on page 18)

RUGBY

CLUB ALSO WITHOUT FULL-BACK

(By 'SCRUM-HALF')

Club, like Army, are at present without the services of a good full-back for the Rugby season, which opens on Saturday at the Valley with matches between Club and Army.

Thompson appears to be the best on the Club books, but he does not fit the picture. He tackles fearlessly when up with the play—though he is inclined to go high too often—and he can field the ball well enough, but he is slow in recovery and his anticipation is not sound enough for this important position. Curruthers was tried in the second half of yesterday's final trial, but he fared poorly in the fast falling light.

The experiment made with Cessford and Bursey was spoiled by the fact that the newcomer was tackled heavily in the first few minutes and was very badly shaken. This handicapped him considerably and as a result Cessford is almost certain to retain his place at fly-half. He knows Henderson's play much better, and he lets the ball out to his threequarters much faster than Bursey, who is inclined to attempt too much himself and then, when forced to part with the ball, send out a ragged pass to spoil a good opening.

If Bursey was a little bigger I would be inclined to give him an extensive try-out at full-back. He is a fine tackle and can kick well with either foot.

Stewart, Bidwell and Bosanquet are certain of places in the threequarter line, Bosanquet giving a fine display of determined running to score two good tries. Hamilton is not the ideal partner for Bosanquet, and it would not surprise me if Day was given the position. This track star did very well yesterday and his speed and swerve would greatly strengthen this wing.

TWO FORWARD DOUBTS

Salter was an absentee yesterday and Dunnett filled the position of hooker creditably, but I am inclined to think the front row will be Walkden (captain), Salter and Bompas or Banner. The second row must be Peers (vice-captain) and Needham, and the back row Godfrey, Taylor and Deane or Richardson.

Richardson showed up much better yesterday and his penalty goal was a beauty. It might be advisable to include him for his kicking abilities, though I prefer Deane as a wing-forward.

One major fault to be stressed is the forwards' poor display in the line-outs. Nine times out of ten Taylor secures possession because he is one of three who jump for the ball. Club must remember Taylor will be well-marked against Army, whose pack will wake them up or annihilate them? Scrumming in the tight was also ragged and they are inclined to pack too high.

In short, Club should have an excellent threequarter line and two nippy half-backs, but their value will depend entirely on the pack, which is well-balanced but which is all too slowly finding form.

Police Win

Police beat Royal Engineers by three tries, scored by Wilson and Taylor (2), to a try in yesterday's practice match at Boundary Street.

Club XV Selected

The following will represent Club on Saturday: Thompson; Stewart, Bidwell, Charter and Bosanquet; Cessford and Henderson; Walkden (Captain), Dunnett and Bompas; Peers and Needham; Richardson, Taylor and Godfrey.

GREEN'S SPLENDID BOWLING

The Royal Army Medical Corps drew with the Royal Engineers Fortress in a friendly cricket match at Sookunpo yesterday afternoon.

Q. M. S. Green was in fine form with the ball and took 9 for 59.

R. E.

Capt. Grose, b Green	13
L/Cpl. Shaw, l.b.w., b Green	38
Spr. Bailey, c Webb, b Green	10
H. P. Lim, st. Patterson, b Green	10
Cpl. Houlding, st. Patterson, b Green	9
Spt. Shipp, b Swyer	5
Spt. Denyer, c Wight, b Green	17
Spt. Carpenter, not out	21
Cpl. Waite, b Green	0
Cpl. Rose, b Green	0
Spr. Goss, c Parkin, b Green	7
Extras (B4)	4

Total for 10 wks. 142

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	9	1	48	0
Green	12	1	59	9
Swyer	3	0	16	1
Smith	1	0	16	0

R.A.M.C.

Q.M.S. Patterson, c Grose, b Goss	23
Cpl. Hawlan, b Denyer	21
Cpl. Webb, l.b.w., b Goss	24
S.M. Wight, b Rose	1

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SPORTSPARADE

(Continued from page 17)
ed in Hong Kong especially in representative and other big games. The public would be better able to follow the game and players would not be mistaken for one another and be unfairly criticised in the Press!

SEVERAL unofficial complaints have been made by club secretaries about the capabilities of certain local referees on the field of play but on enquiry it is learned that no official complaints have been lodged.

Officials of clubs should note that the Association welcomes any report on their officials such reports to be treated confidentially—so that appointments may be made, conducive to the best interests of the game.

GREEN'S SPLENDID BOWLING

(Continued from Page 17)
Major Swyer, not out 6
Lieut. Taylor, c Shaw, b Goss ... 18
Sgr. Smith, not out 5
Sgr. Wyre, c Waite, b Rose 14
Extras (B5) 5

Total (for 6 wks.) 97
Q.M.S. Green, Sgr. Shorthouse and Cpl. Parkin did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Shaw	4	0	10	0
Denyer	7	0	31	1
Goss	5	0	30	3
Rose	4	2	1	2
Waite	2	1	10	0

BIG WIN FOR R.A.M.C.

Playing at Sookunpoo on Tuesday, Royal Army Medical Corps beat the

5th A.A., Royal Artillery, by 8 wickets in a friendly cricket match.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
L/Sgt. Chaplin, b Wyre	0	0	0	0
Gnr. McCanley, c Musson, b Wyre	0	0	0	0
Sgt. May, c Green, b Wyre	0	0	0	0
Gnr. Barsby, not out	16	0	0	0
Gnr. McIntyre, b Leverington	4	0	0	0
Gnr. Lawton, c Smith, b Green	0	0	0	0
Bdr. Simpson, b Leverington	2	0	0	0
Gnr. Martin, b Wyre	1	0	0	0
Gnr. Bigginton, not out	0	0	0	0
Gnr. Harrington, run out	0	0	0	0
Gnr. Bradley, b Leverington	0	0	0	0
Extras (B5)	5	0	0	0
Total	37	0	0	0

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wyre	5	2	15	4
Green	3	0	16	1
Leverington	1	0	1	3

R.A.M.C.

Q. M. S. Patterson, not out	40
S. M. Wight, c Simpson, b Barsby	0
Sgt. Wyre, c and b Barsby	12
Sgt. Smith, not out	26
Cpl. Shorthouse, b Barsby	16
Cpl. Leverington, not out	31
Cpl. Musson, b Bradley	1
Major, Harvey, c McCanley, b Barsby	0
Q. M. S. Green, c Simpson, b Bradley	18
L/Cpl. Newton, b Chaplin	6
Cpl. Hanlan, not out	4
Extras (W3, B26, LB4)	33

(Total for 7 wks.) 196

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Barsby	14	0	58	4
Chaplin	7	0	38	1
Martin	4	0	20	0
Bradley	10	0	35	2
Harrington	2	0	12	0



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39	155	354	588	784
72	205	396	693	—
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Holders of above numbered Debentures may, upon giving notice to the Treasurers waiving the six months' notice to which they are entitled, apply on the 31st October, 1939, to the Treasurers, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, for payment of the principal and interest to the 31st October, 1939. The Treasurers should be informed on or before Monday, the 30th October, 1939.

AND NOTICE is hereby given that Debentures numbered as above which are not cashed on the 31st October, 1939, will be paid on the 30th April, 1940, after which date they will cease to bear interest.

By order of the Committee,
A. K. MACKENZIE,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th October, 1939.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE NINTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 21st October, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock Noon.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 16th Oct., 1939.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of October, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at To Kwa Wan in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4189.	Junction of Kowloon City Road and Sheung Heung Road, To Kwa Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,400	\$44	\$1,800
			As per sale plan						

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5752.	Junction of Tai Opi Kow Road and Kowloon Street, Shamshuipo.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 3,375	\$46	\$19,125
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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
3	Inland Lot No. 5688.	West of Inland Lot No. 5684, Stubbs Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 57,000	\$825	\$14,000
			As per sale plan						

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FUTURE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Shanghai, To-day.
"I am very hopeful regarding the future of the Philippines," said Mr. Osmena, Vice-President of the Philippines, in a press interview before boarding the liner "Victoria" for Manila.

Commenting on the question of independence, Mr. Osmena asked: "Where would the initiative come from even if the desire were there?"

He said the Philippines had struggled for 30 years to obtain freedom, and now it was neither the United States, nor those responsible in the Philippines, were willing to be first in probing the problem anew.

Mr. Osmena added: "Sentiment in the United States will be hard to change now. It is too isolationist."—Reuter.

U-BOAT MEN DECORATED

London, To-day.
The commander and men of the U-boat which sank the Royal Oak were decorated by Hitler yesterday.

In a broadcast statement to neutral observers, the commander repeats his assertion that he also torpedoed the Repulse.

This story is quite untrue.—Reuter.

NO MAJOR CLASHES ON SAAR FRONT

Paris, To-day.

There were no major actions on the Western Front yesterday.

Last night's communique announces "no change" in the Front as a whole. There was great activity by reconnaissance units, particularly in the area between the Moselle and the Rhine.

The Germans seem to be bringing up more men and equipment. Headlights show that all roads are crowded and heavy trains, presumably with men and equipment, rumbled up to the front all night.—Reuter.

MIXED RECEPTION

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.
INDIAN COMMENT ON THE VICEROY'S DECLARATION, WHICH WAS ISSUED IN THE FORM OF A WHITE PAPER, IS MIXED.

While Mr. Gandhi disapproves, some other Indian leaders welcomed it. Some said it was a genuine appreciation of Indian aspirations and gave the right lead; they must "grasp the hand of friendship".

A Moslem leader says it was highly satisfactory; it would remove misunderstandings in the minds of those anxious to co-operate with the British Government.—Reuter.

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Fully equipped with documents and prepared for a legal "fight" with the Acting Land Officer, Mr. J. Barrow, at the Ping Shan Land Office this morning, Mr. Thomas Henry Gordon Brayfield, was told that the summons issued against him had been withdrawn.

Mr. Brayfield was summoned to show cause why a warrant should not be issued for the recovery of \$115.23 by attachment and sale for Crown Rent due to the District Land Office.

This morning he answered the summons at Ping Shan Land Office and was told by Mr. Barrow that as the money had already been paid the case was finished.

"I think this is settled as you have paid," said Mr. Barrow.

Mr. Brayfield: "I appear in person at a very grievous loss of time which has considerably disorganised my office on account of my partner and senior assistant being on occasional duty with the Armed forces of the Colony. You had forbidden me to bring or send a legal practitioner to appear on my behalf."

Mr. Barrow: "I am very sorry that you have been inconvenienced."

Mr. Brayfield: "You should have notified me that it was not necessary to answer the summons."

Mr. Barrow: "I am sorry. I did not expect you to turn up. You should have some commonsense."

Mr. Brayfield: "Is that all?"

Mr. Barrow: "That is all."

Mr. Brayfield then left the Office.

Mr. Brayfield later told the "China Mail" that he issued a cheque for the Crown rent due on October 13. The summons was received on October 14.

Peiping, To-day.

George Soderbom, life-long Swedish resident of Inner Mongolia, has been released after three months' imprisonment in Japanese military headquarters, despatches from Kalgan state.

It is stated that one of the terms of his release is that he shall not leave Mongchiang territory.

Soderbom's "headquarters" have for long been at Kweihwa. He accompanied Sven Hedin's last expedition into Central Asia.

It will be recalled that Soderbom was arrested on a suspicion that he was working in the interests of an un-named third Power.

It is learned reliably now that that Power was supposed to be Britain, suspicion having rested on him because a number of his guests at Kweihwa had been Britons, including Lieutenant Cooper, who was arrested with Lieutenant-Colonel Spear, the British Military Attache.

Soderbom's house in Kweihwa has for years been a caravanserai for foreign travellers of all nationalities who have visited the hotelless city.

Soderbom's release appears to have been an amicable affair, as it is reported that he has been asked to lead a Japanese expedition into Inner Mongolia in a search for Nestorian remains, about which he is well informed.—Reuter.

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